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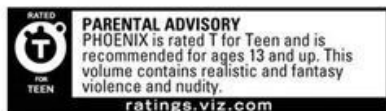
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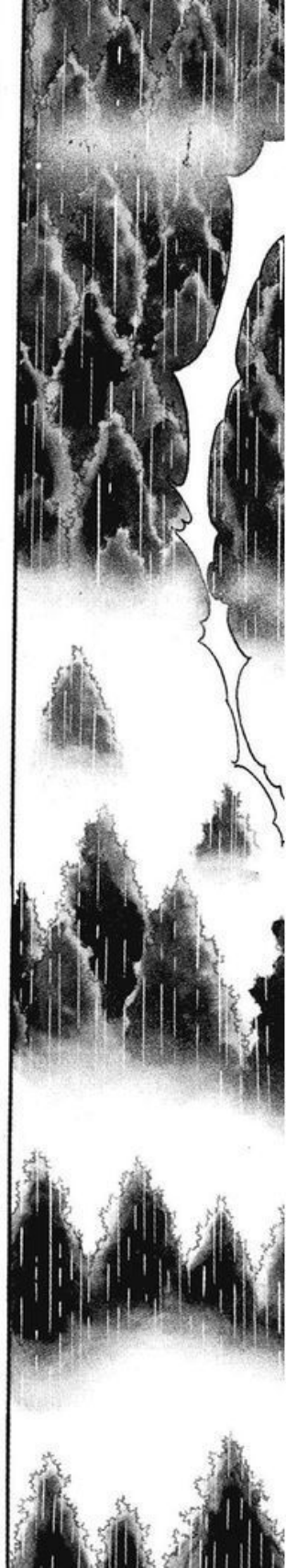
AH, THE
VENERABLE
NUN...
THE NUN OF
HOURAIJI...
IN TONDO
MISAKI...





SHE LIVES FOR EIGHT
HUNDRED YEARS...
HER GOOD DEEDS
LAST FOR
THOUSANDS...

IF IT'S PROOF YOU
WANT...
ASK ANY MAN...
ASK ANY WOMAN...





FASH! BASH!

COME ON,
KAHEI! KEEP
MOVING!

MASTER...I CAN'T
KEEP UP...I'M
EXHAUSTED...

**CRRAC
CKKK SNAP**

KERBOOM!



WHAT'S
THE
MATTER
WITH YOU,
ANYWAY?

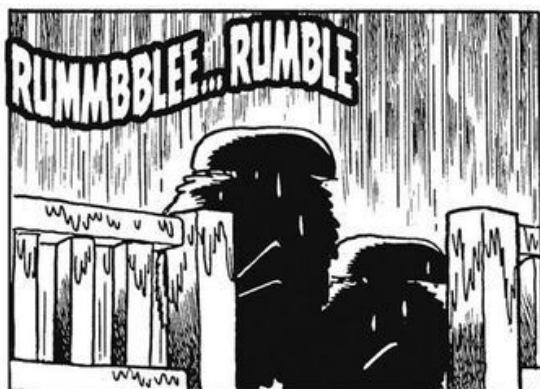
I'M
SCARED, SIR...
AN' I DON'T CARE
IF TREES ARE
FALLIN' OR
LIGHTNING'S
STRIKING, I CAN'T
GO ANOTHER
STEP!

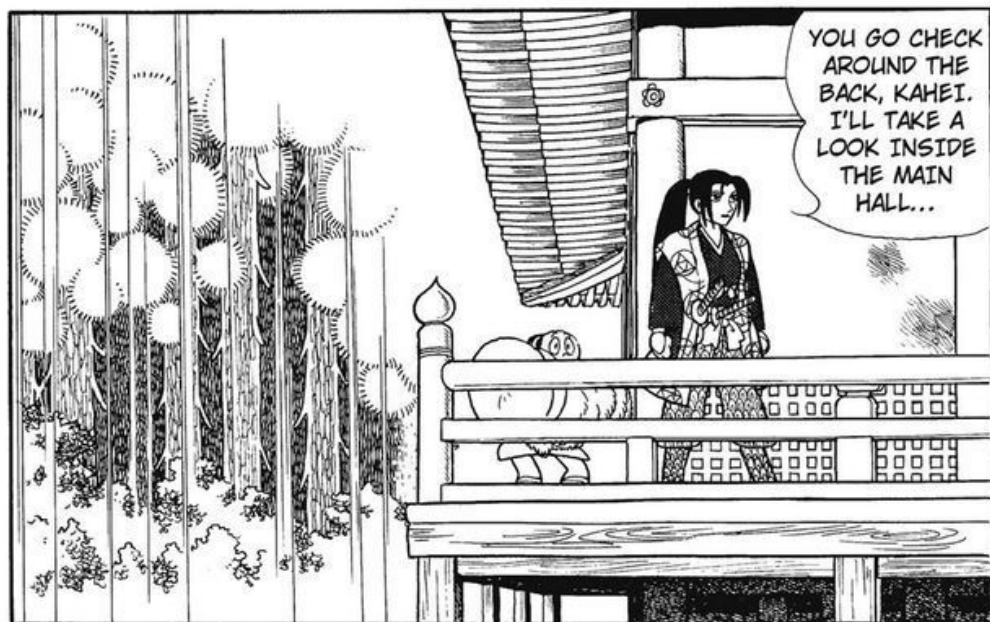
HMPH. THE
ROAD WE
CAME UP IS
BLOCKED, SO
THERE'S NO
TURNING BACK
NOW, KAHAI...

DON'T WORRY.
I CAN SEE SOME
LIGHT FROM A
BUILDING OVER
THERE...

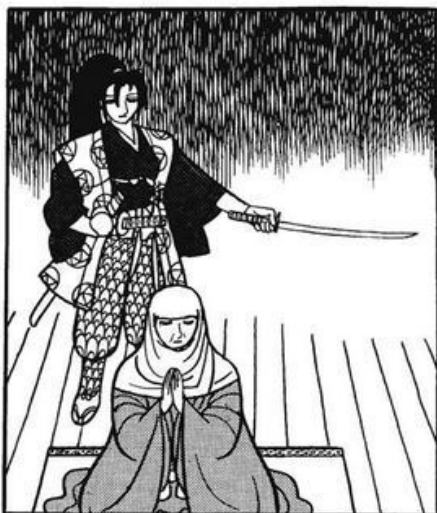
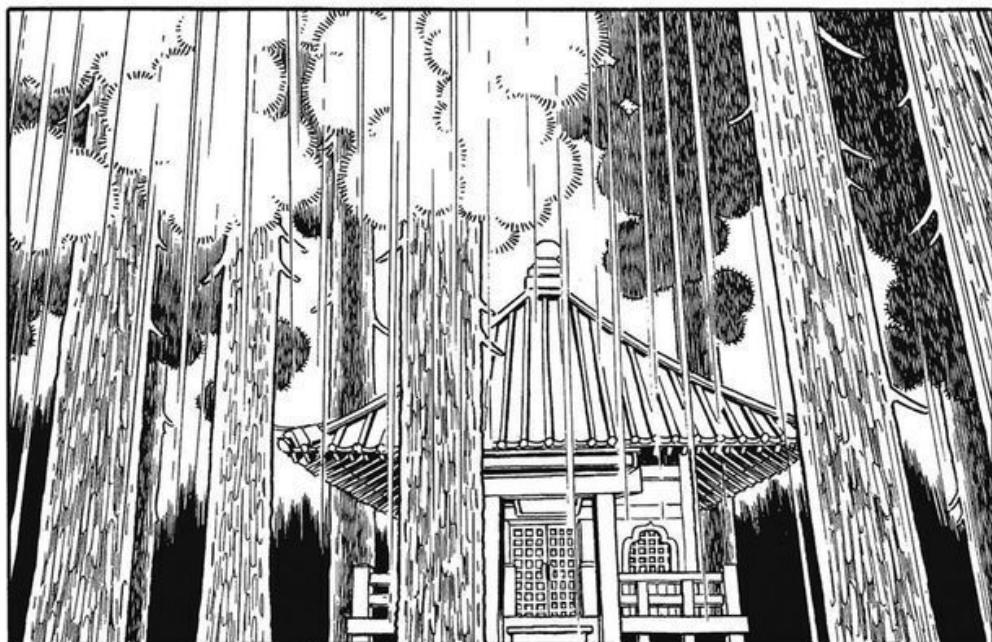
IT'S
PROBABLY
THE TEMPLE
WE'VE BEEN
LOOKING
FOR...

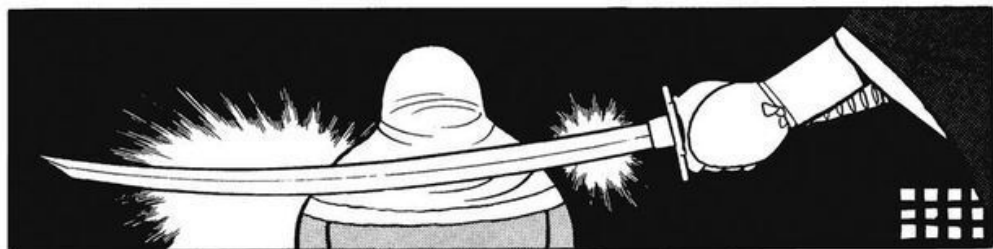
C'MON, THEN,
MASTER...
LET'S GO!!













ENOUGH
NONSENSE,
WOMAN!



TELL ME, SAKON
NO SUKE, YOU CAME
THROUGH A TERRIBLE
THUNDERSTORM ON
YOUR WAY TO THIS
TEMPLE, DID YOU
NOT?



AND ON THE WAY,
THOUGH HEAVEN AND
EARTH SEEMED
SHROUDED IN
DARKNESS, YOU NO
DOUBT SAW FLASHES
OF **LIGHTNING**,
DID YOU NOT?



THAT'S RIGHT, I
DID. THERE'S A
STORM RAGING
OUTSIDE RIGHT
NOW...!

SO
WHAT?

WELL, SAKON NO
SUIKE...LET ME TELL
YOU...THIS PLACE IS
CUT OFF FROM THE
REST OF THE WORLD...

TIME HERE...
IS DIFFERENT.
IT FLOWS
BACKWARD.



T...TIME
FLOWS
BACKWARD?

W...WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?



WELL, YOU
WERE
ABLE TO
ENTER
THIS
PLACE, BUT
YOU'LL
NEVER BE
ABLE TO
LEAVE...

TIME
HAS NO
MEANING
HERE.



AFTER A FEW DAYS,
YOU'LL REALIZE
THAT IT IS
DIFFERENT FROM
THE OUTSIDE WORLD
HERE...AND THAT AS
LONG AS YOU LIVE,
YOU'LL NEVER BE
ABLE TO LEAVE...

HA
HA
HA
HA



CRAZY
WOMAN!
HOW
DARE YOU
LAUGH AT
ME?!

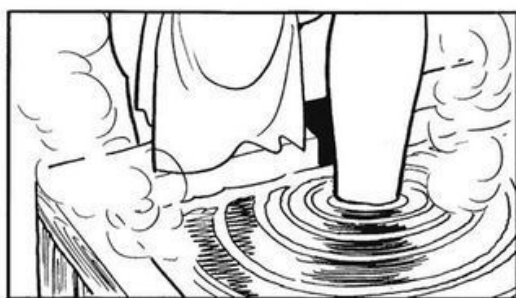


SLASH!!



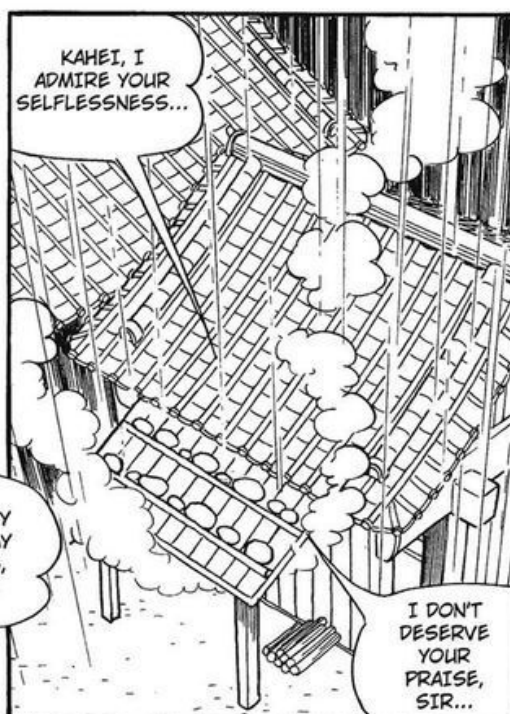






YESSIR...

TRUNCATED FORM OF "NAMU AMIDA BUTSU," INVOKING THE BUDDHA'S NAME





W...
WHAT
THE...



I BET THAT NUN
WOULDN'T REALLY DIE,
EVEN IF HER HEAD
WERE CUT OFF...



SO WHAT'LL I DO
IF SHE SUDDENLY
FLOATS INTO THIS
ROOM LIKE A
HEADLESS
GHOST...?

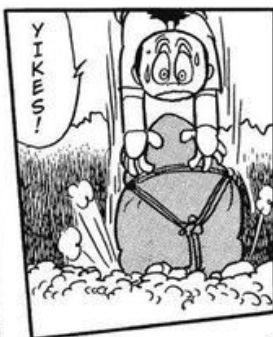
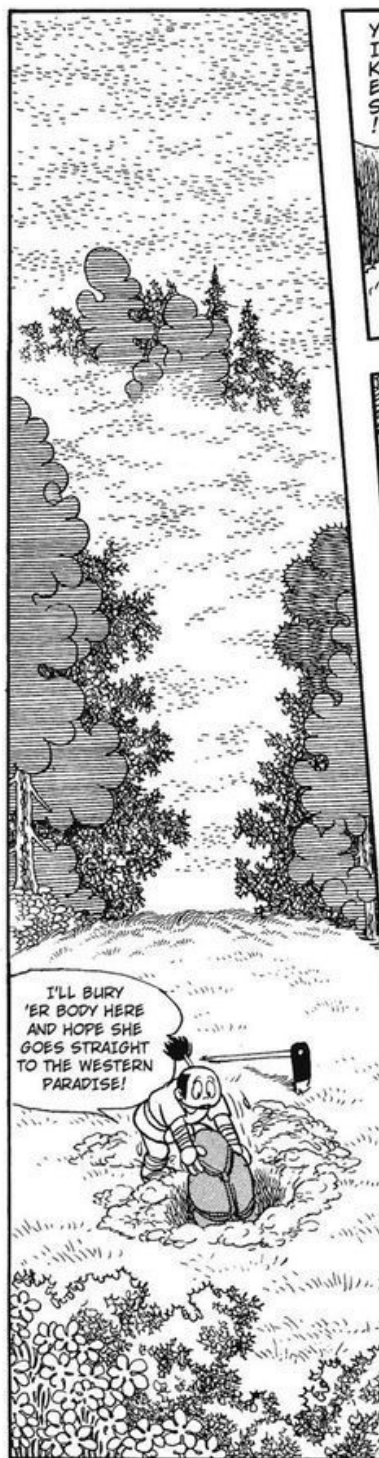


KAHEI!
WHAT IS
IT!?

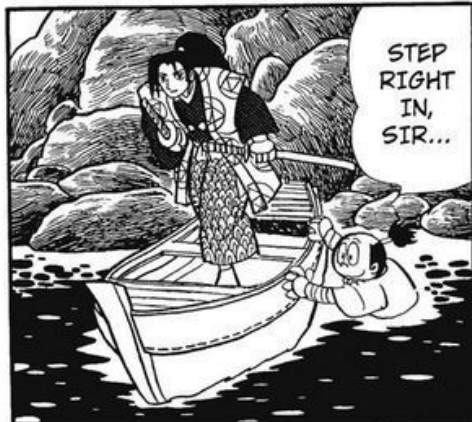
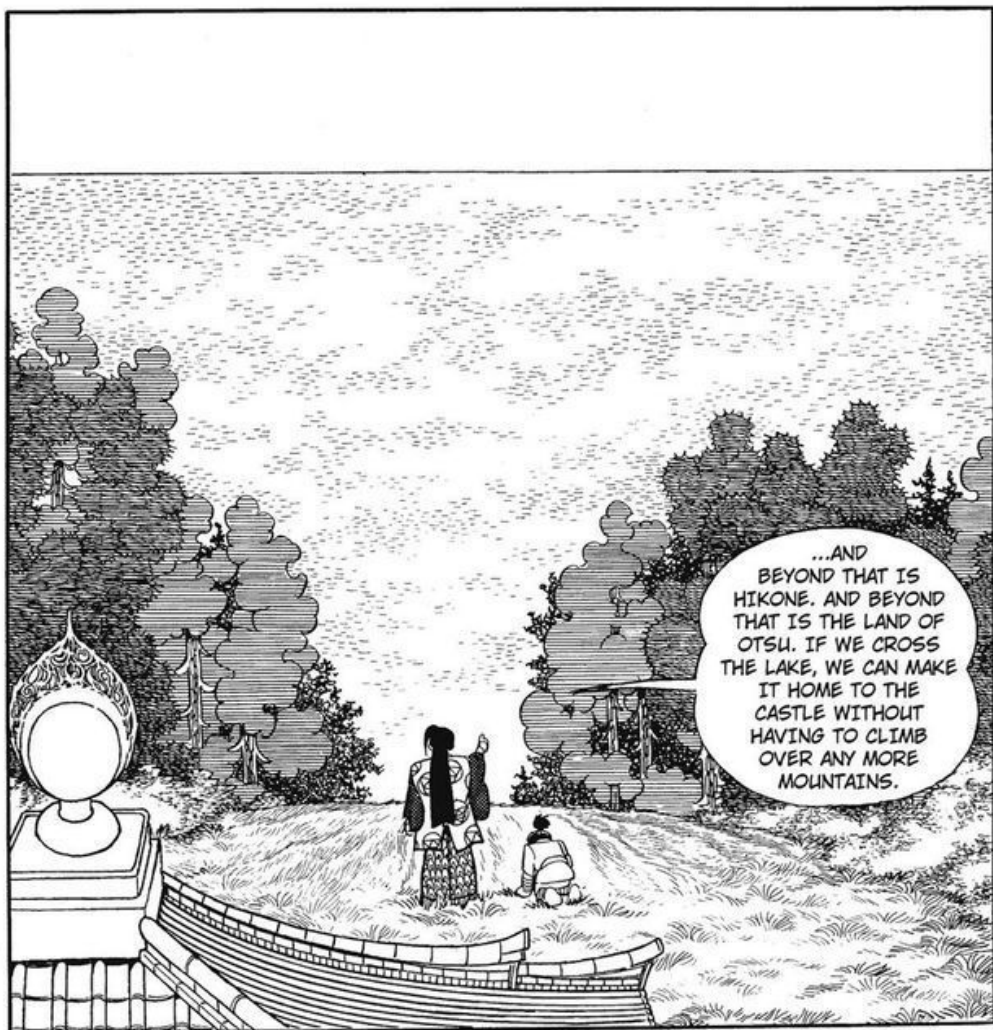


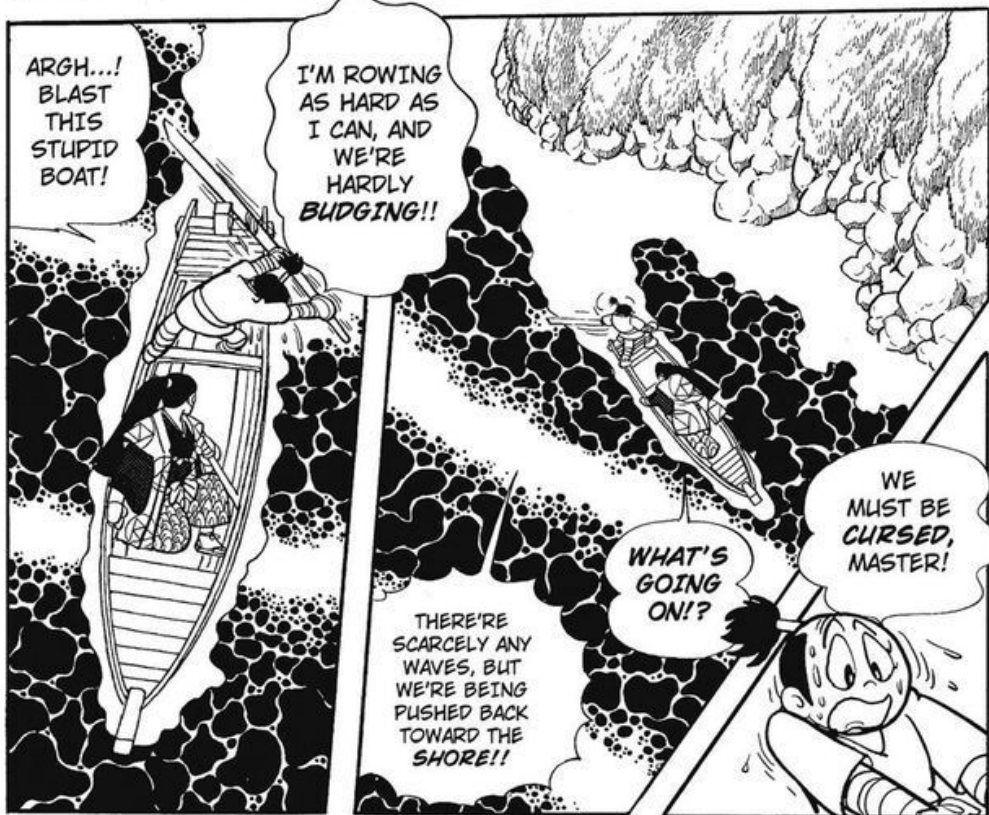
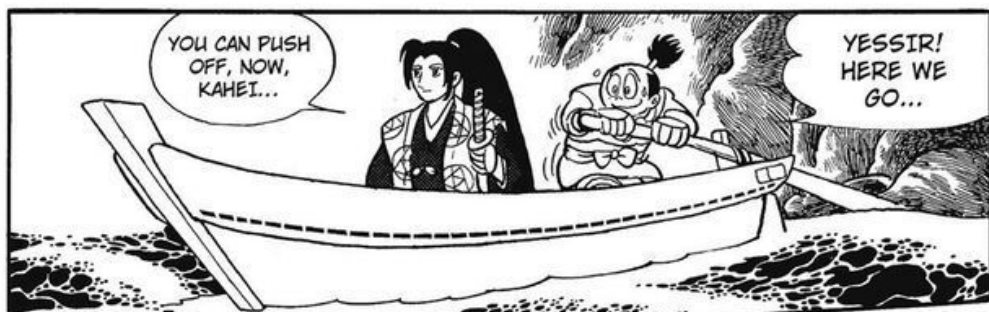
DON'T
GET TOO
EXCITED.
IT'S JUST A
LEAK IN
THE ROOF.

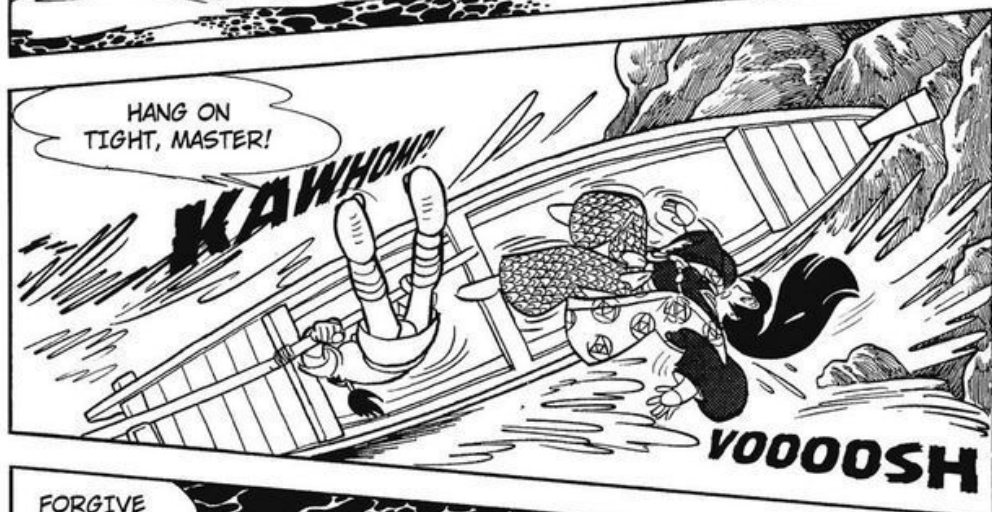
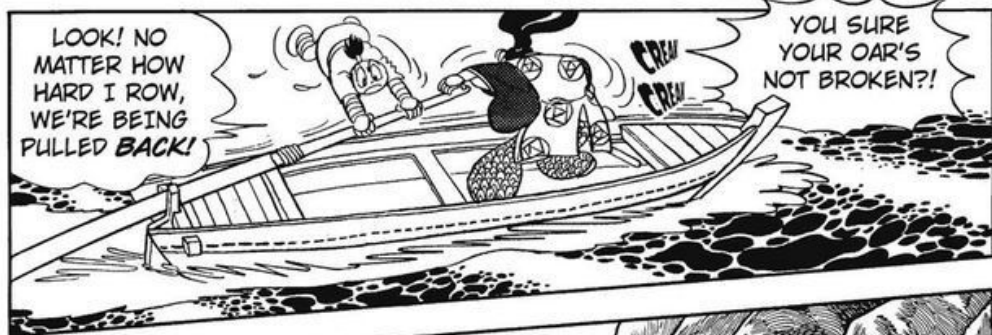
I FELT THIS
COLD, SLIMY
THING ON MY
NECK, AN'...
I G...GOT
SCARED!!



*BUDDHIST CHANT ABOUT THE EPHEMERAL NATURE OF ALL EXISTENCE.













*HOURAIJI TEMPLE





UH,
MASTER...
YOU'LL WEAR
YOURSELF OUT LIKE
THIS...WHY DON'T
YOU REST A WHILE
BACK AT THE
TEMPLE...?



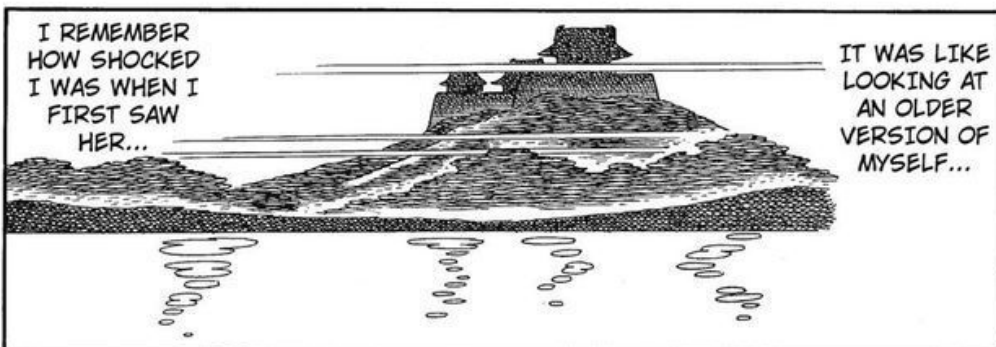
HERE...I
BOILED
SOME TEA
FOR YOU...

SOMETHING'S NOT
RIGHT ABOUT
THIS TEMPLE,
KAHEI...IT FEELS
AS IF IT HAS
DRAWN ME IN AND
WON'T LET GO...



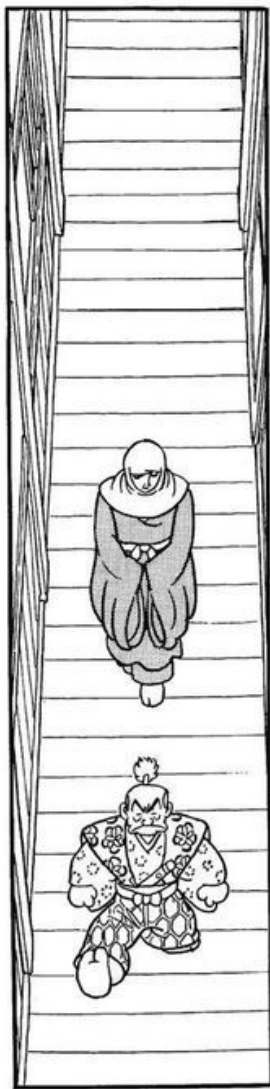
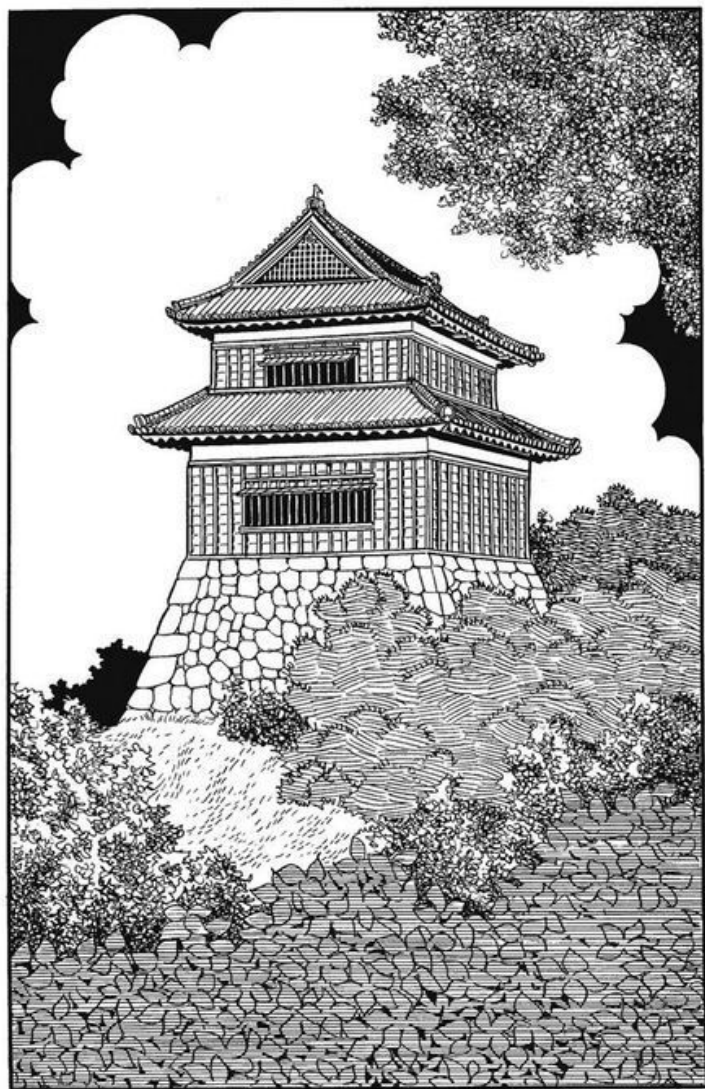
PERHAPS IT'S
BECAUSE I LOOK
TOO MUCH LIKE
THAT NUN,
HAPPYAKU
BIKUNI...

I WAS AT MY
FATHER'S
BEDSIDE WHEN
HE FIRST
SUMMONED HER
TO THE CASTLE...



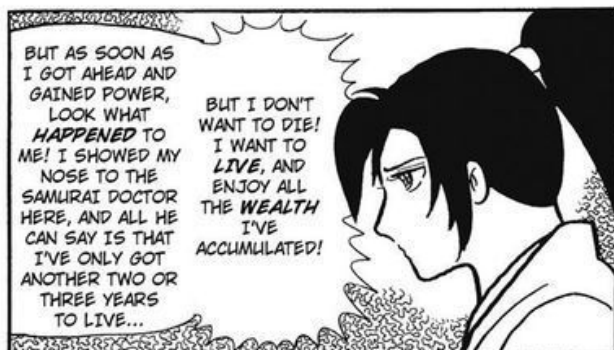
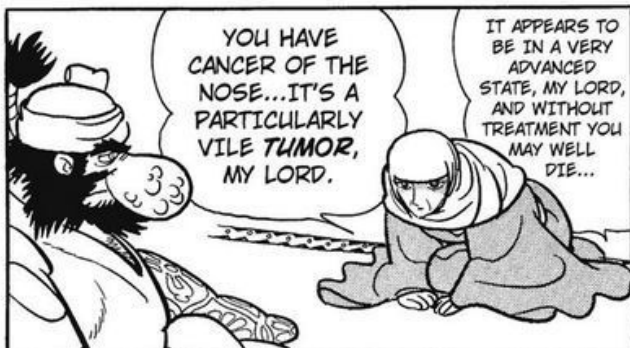
I REMEMBER
HOW SHOCKED
I WAS WHEN I
FIRST SAW
HER...

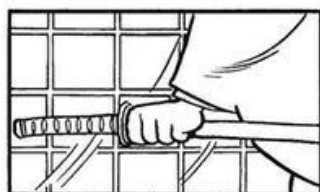
IT WAS LIKE
LOOKING AT
AN OLDER
VERSION OF
MYSELF...

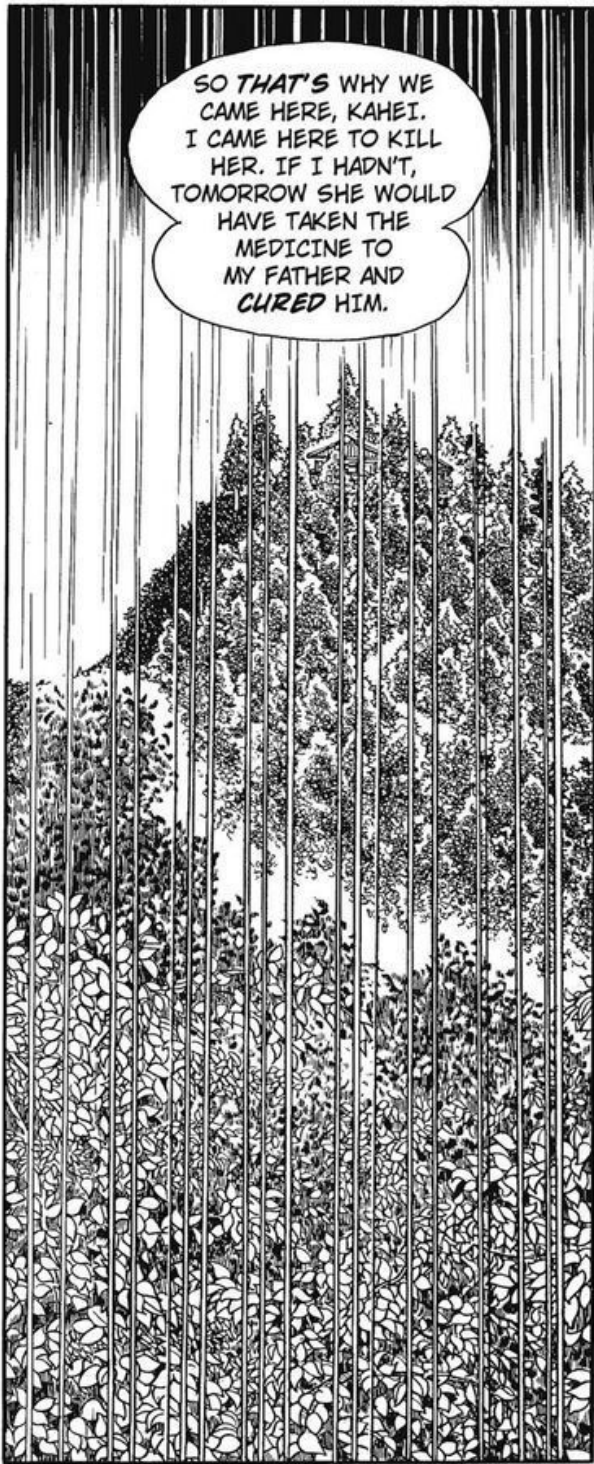













SO THAT'S WHY WE
CAME HERE, KAHEI.
I CAME HERE TO KILL
HER. IF I HADN'T,
TOMORROW SHE WOULD
HAVE TAKEN THE
MEDICINE TO
MY FATHER AND
CURED HIM.

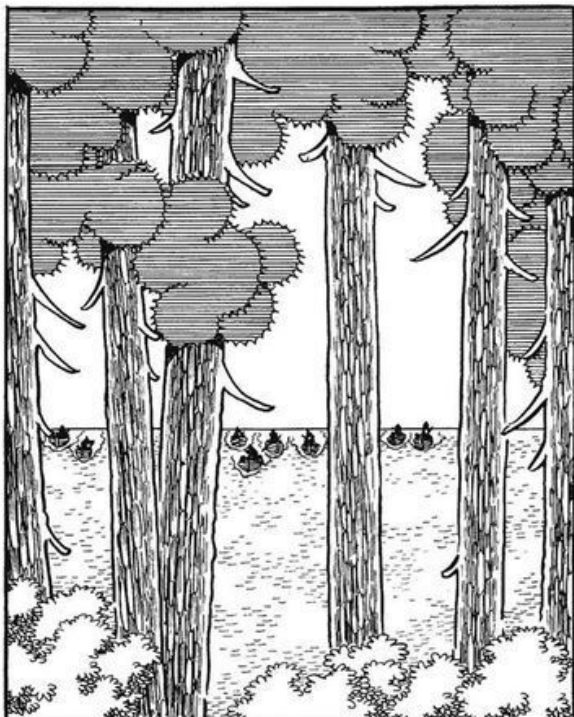


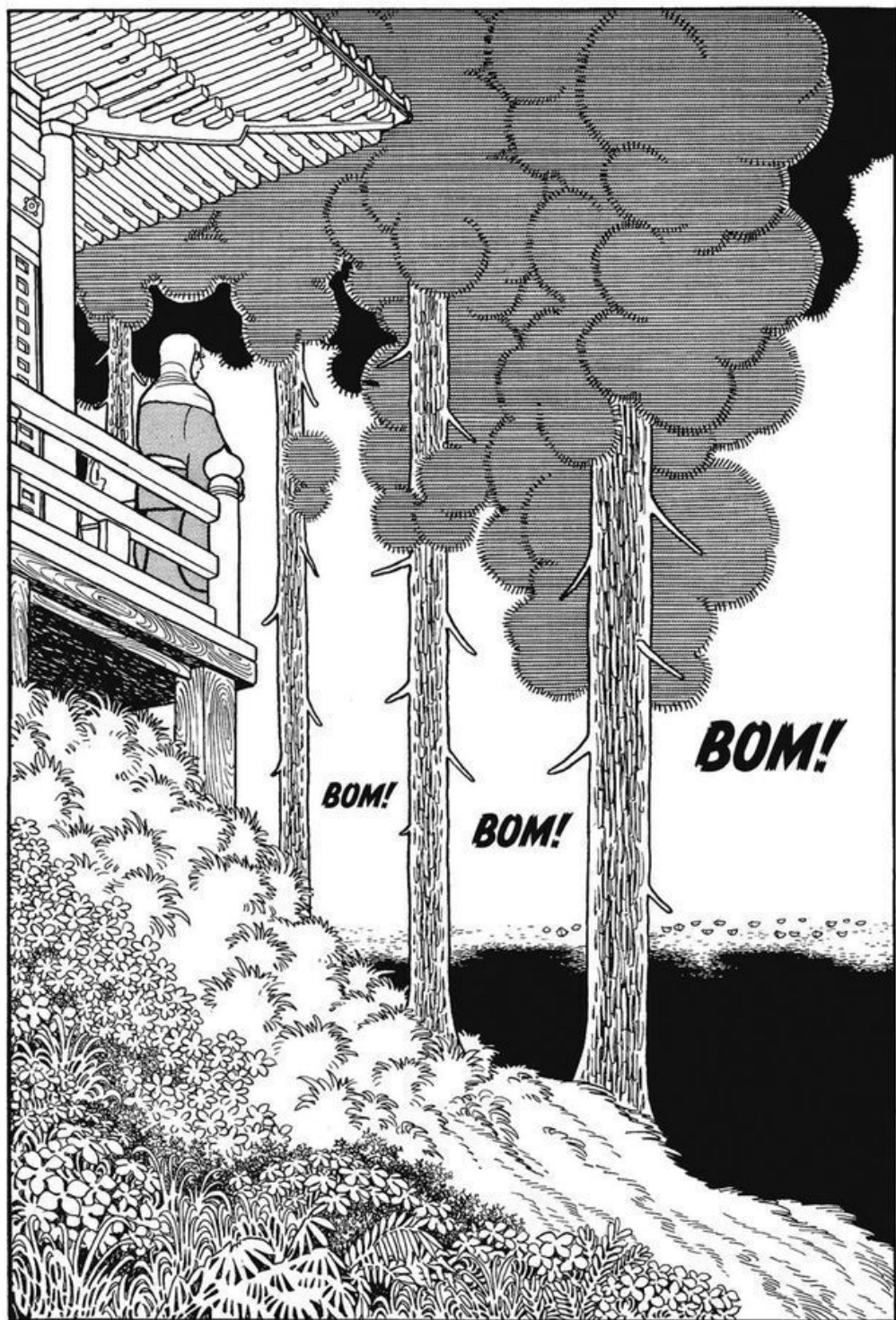
AND
THERE
IS NO
WAY I
COULD
LET THAT
HAPPEN.

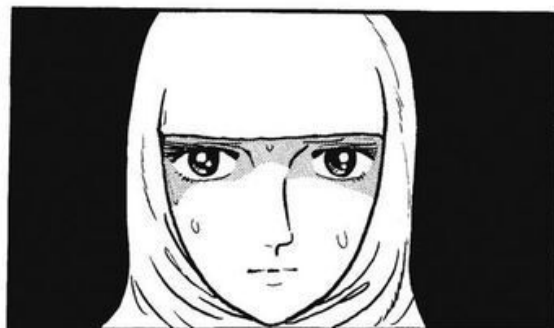
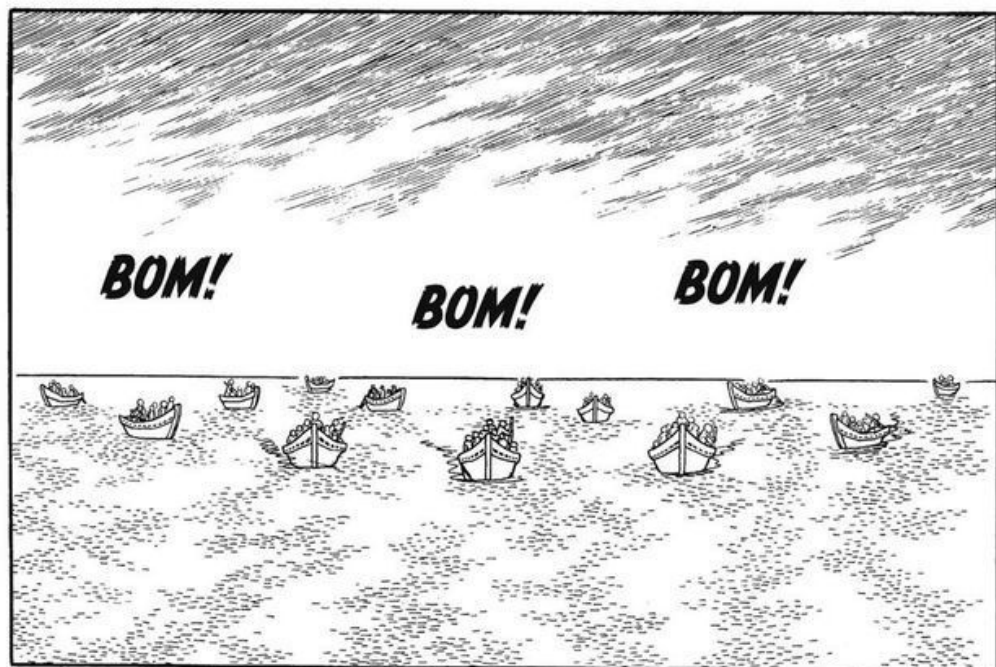


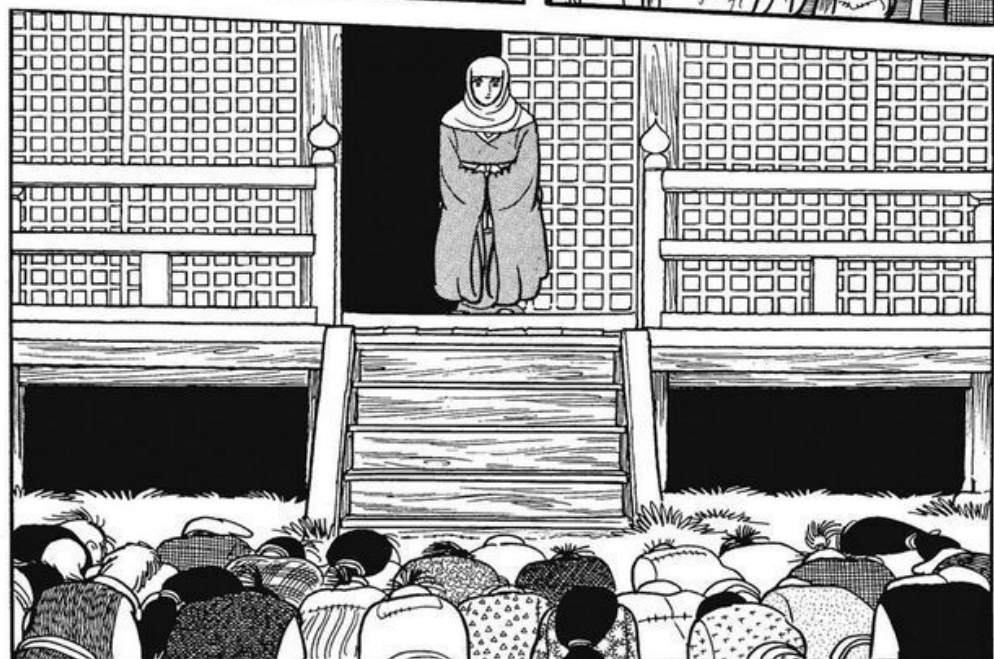
WITHOUT
TREATMENT, IN
TWO OR THREE
YEARS FATHER
WILL DIE. AND
THEN...I CAN
GO BACK TO
BEING A
WOMAN
AGAIN...

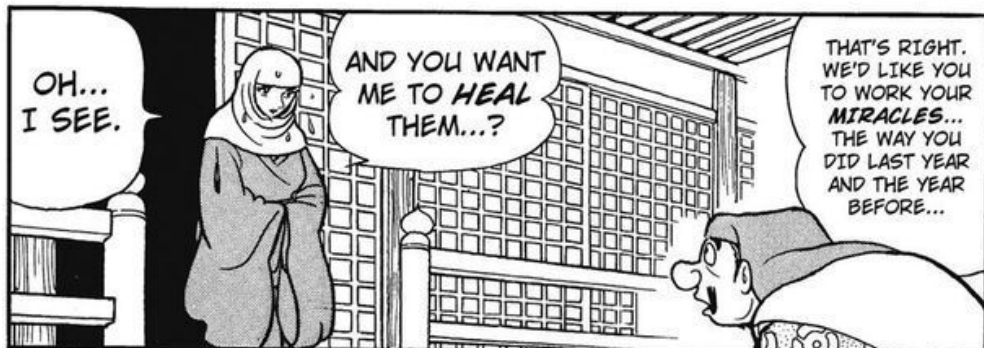














I
SEE...

WELL, I...
I'M NOT FEELING
WELL TODAY.
PLEASE COME
BACK AGAIN
TOMORROW...

AH...WE'RE
VERY SORRY TO
HEAR THAT, O
VENERABLE
ONE...

BUT, THESE POOR
PEOPLE HAVE ALL
COME SO FAR FOR
YOUR HELP, AT
REAL EFFORT...

GOSH,
MASTER SAKON
SUKE...LOOK HOW
DESPERATE
THEY ALL
LOOK....

BUT WHAT CAN
I DO? **HOW** DO
THEY EXPECT
ME TO HEAL
THEM?

WE CAN'T
POSSIBLY
TURN THEM
AWAY...

THEY'RE
EXPECTING
YOU TO HEAL
THEM...

MAYBE YOU
COULD FAKE IT
BY **PRAYING**
FOR THEM OR
SOMETHING...

...OR MAYBE
GIVE THEM
MASSAGES
OR EVEN
MOXIBUSTION
TREATMENT...*

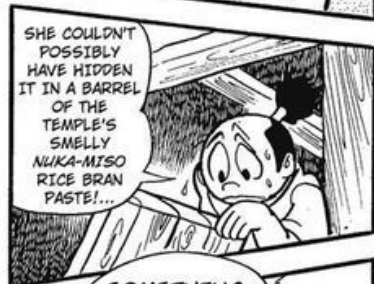
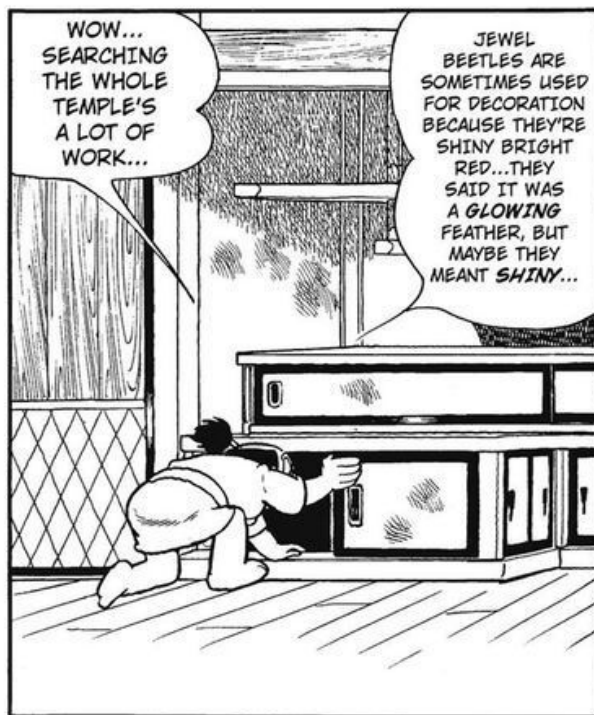
I DOUBT
THAT WOULD
SATISFY
THEM,
KAHEI...

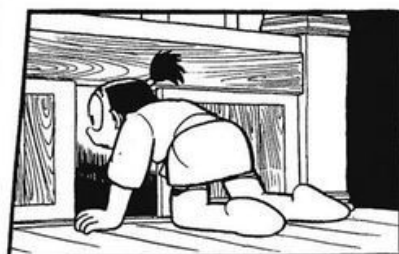
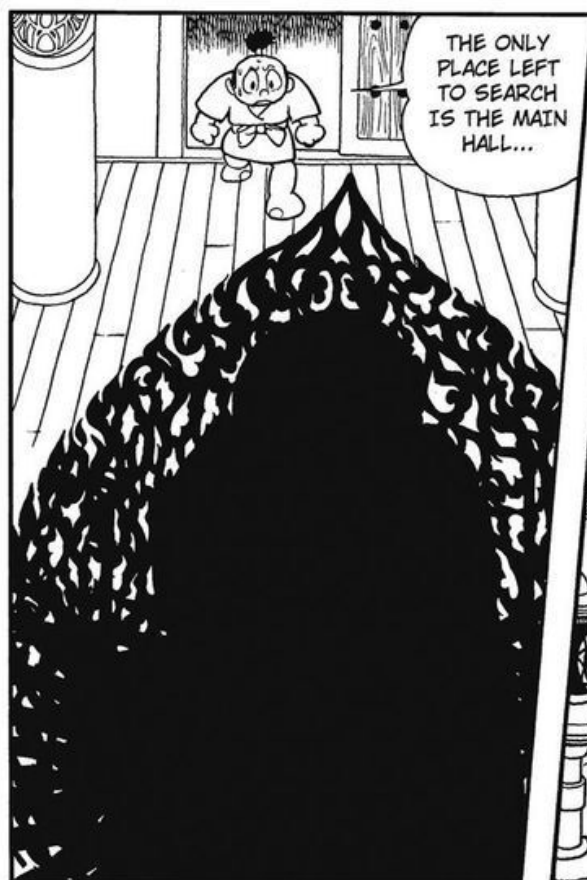
I HAVE
BEEN
SOMEWHAT
FORGETFUL
RECENTLY.

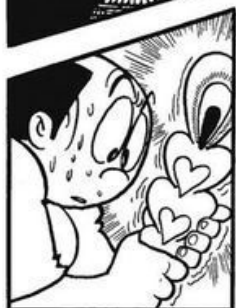
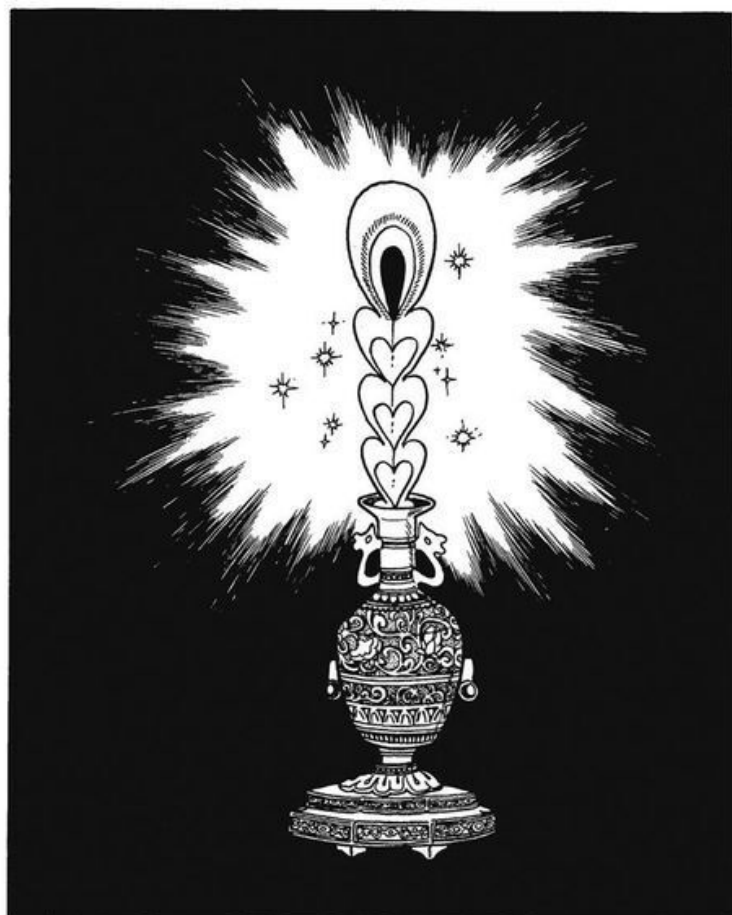
CAN YOU TELL
ME HOW I
CURED THESE
POOR PEOPLE
BEFORE?

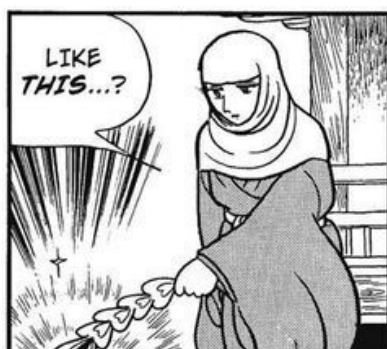
?

*MOXIBUSTION: A KIND OF THERAPY, POPULAR IN ASIA, INVOLVING THE BURNING OF POWDERED MUGWART.









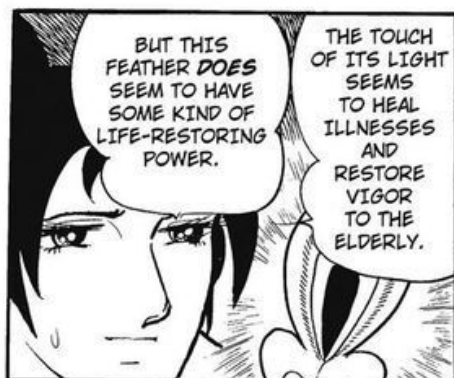
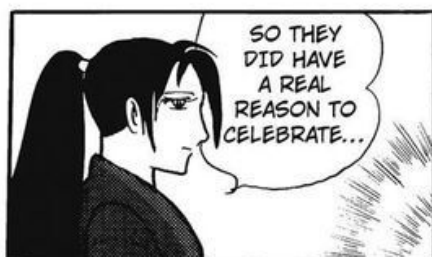
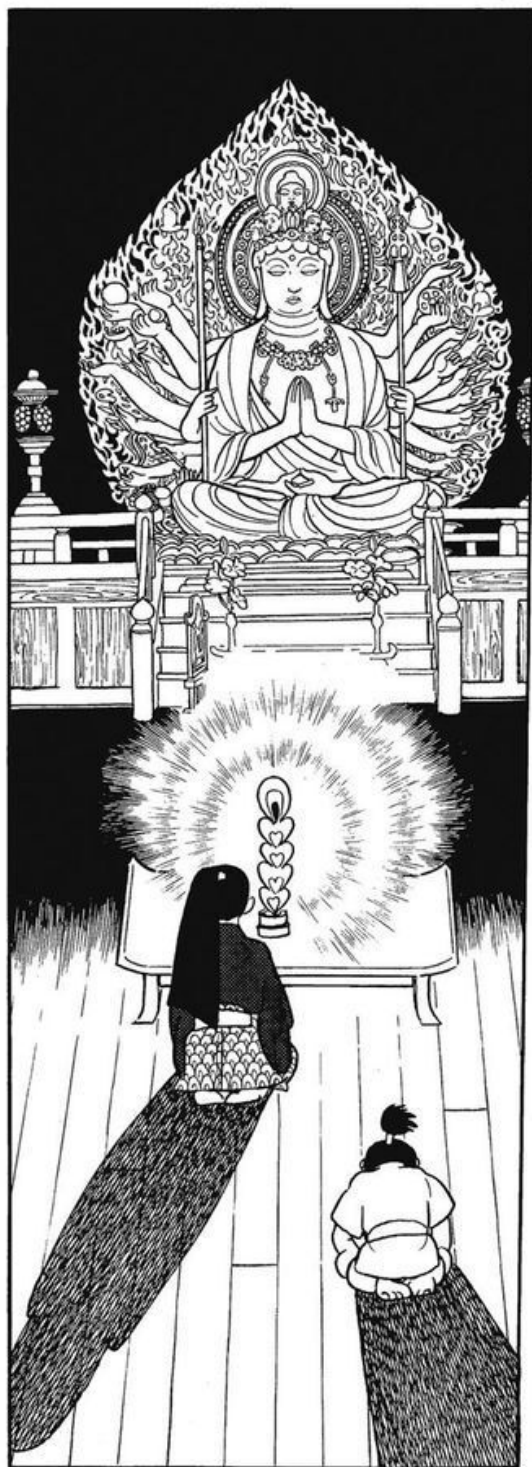


WELL, HE
SEEMS HAPPY,
BUT WHAT
HAPPENS
NEXT?



THEY SEEM FAR
TOO SERIOUS FOR
THIS TO BE JUST
SOME SIMPLE
GOOD LUCK
CHARM...





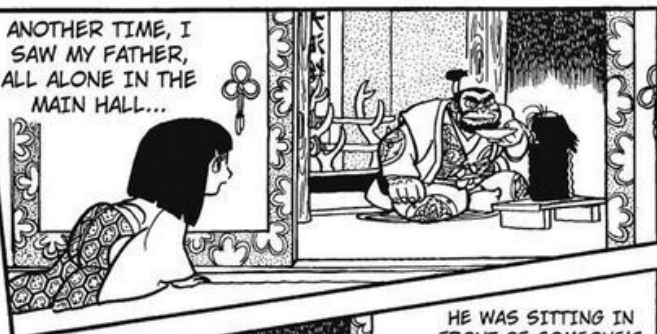


ONCE, I EVEN
SAW MY
FATHER CUT
DOWN ONE OF
HIS OWN
RETAINERS,
RIGHT BEFORE
MY EYES!

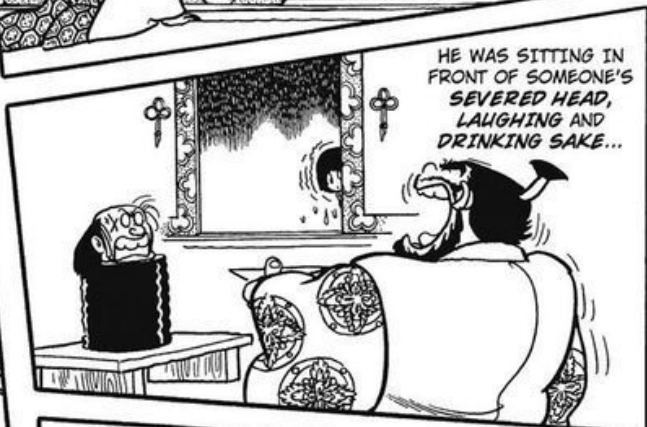
余音礼能音



ANOTHER TIME, I
SAW MY FATHER,
ALL ALONE IN THE
MAIN HALL...



HE WAS SITTING IN
FRONT OF SOMEONE'S
SEVERED HEAD,
LAUGHING AND
DRINKING SAKE...



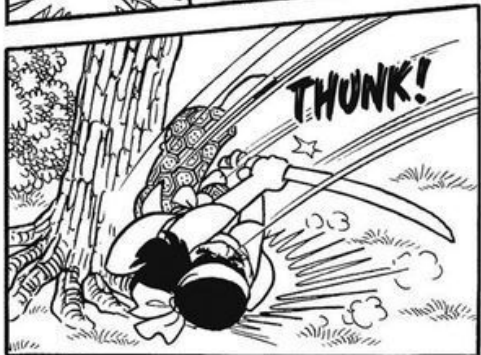
AND WHEN MY
FATHER TAUGHT
ME FENCING, I WAS
AFRAID HE WANTED
TO MURDER ME...



HE WAS
CRAZY...



SCROLL: SILENCE IS THE SOUND OF PERFECTION



PLEASE...M'LORD...
PLEASE HAVE MERCY
ON OUR POOR CHILD...
HE'S ONLY SEVEN
YEARS OLD,
AFTER ALL...



HAH! MERCY,
SHMERCY! IN
THIS AGE OF
WAR, WHO'LL
SHOW HIM
MERCY?!

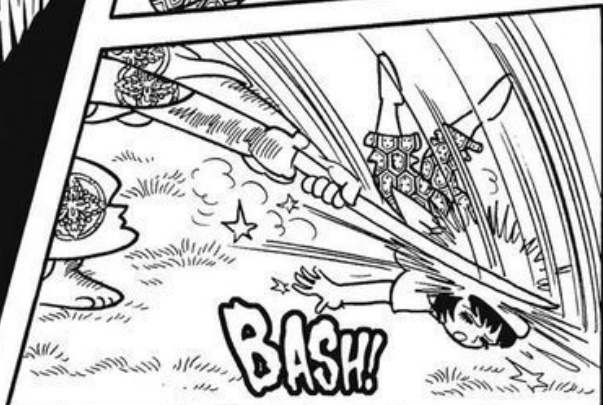
I'VE GOT TO
RAISE HIM TO
BE **TOUGH!**
OTHERWISE HE
WON'T BE ABLE
TO RULE THIS
LAND!

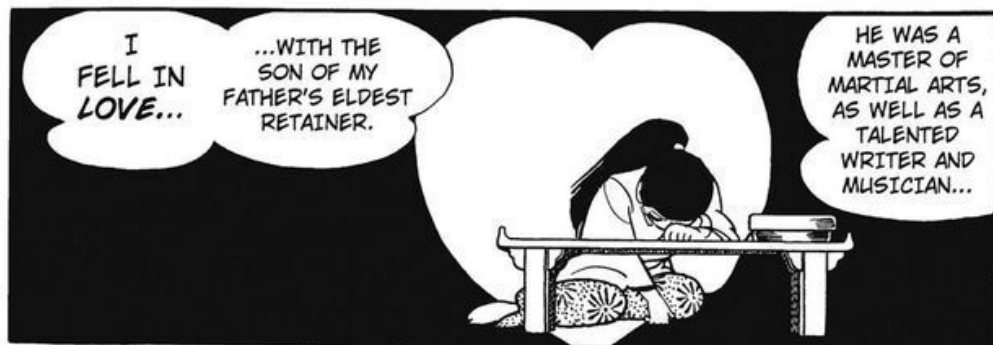


BUT M'LORD...
HE'S NOT
EVEN A BOY...
HE'S REALLY
ONLY A **GIRL!!**

GIRL?!! WELL, NOT
TO ME! IF I SAY
HE'S A BOY, HE'S A
BOY, AND I'LL RAISE
HIM AS ONE!

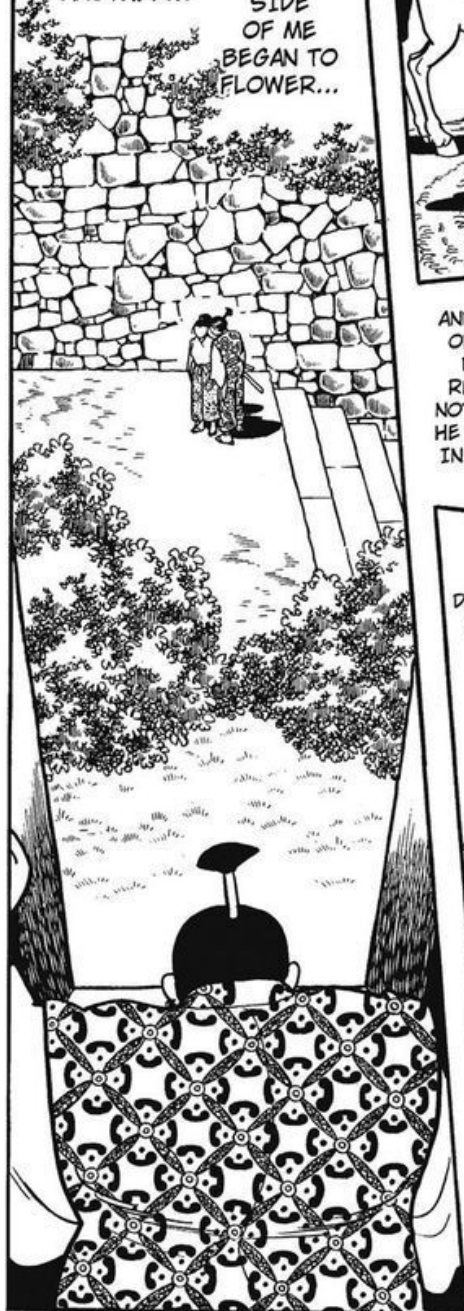






WE BECAME
DEEPLY
ATTACHED
TO ONE
ANOTHER...

BUT AS
SOON
AS THE
FEMININE
SIDE
OF ME
BEGAN TO
FLOWER...



FATHER TOOK
HIM AWAY
FROM ME...

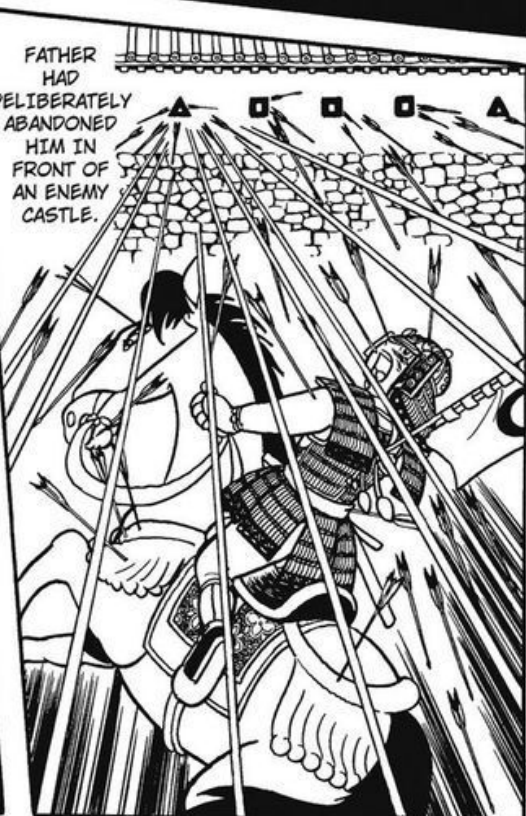
AND SENT
HIM OFF TO
WAR...

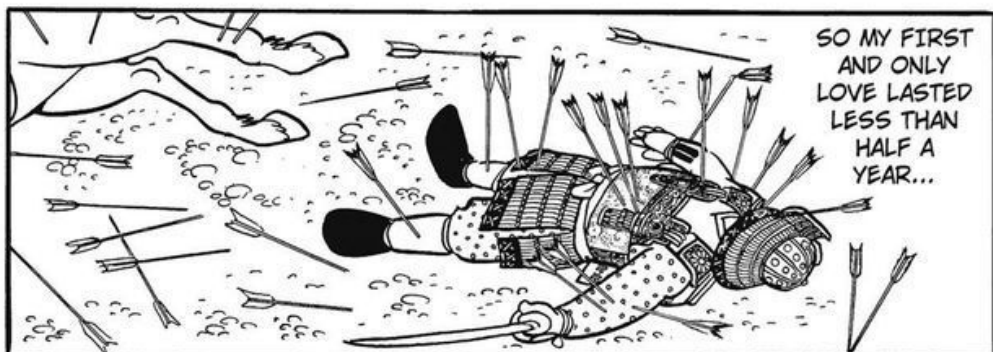


AND IN TWO
OR THREE
DAYS, I
RECEIVED
NOTICE THAT
HE HAD DIED
IN BATTLE!!



FATHER
HAD
DELIBERATELY
ABANDONED
HIM IN
FRONT OF
AN ENEMY
CASTLE.





SO MY FIRST
AND ONLY
LOVE LASTED
LESS THAN
HALF A
YEAR...



MY FATHER
STOLE
EVERYTHING
I LOVED.

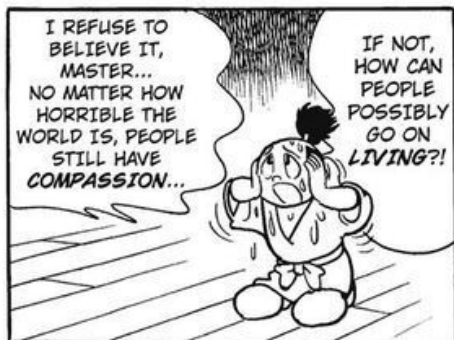
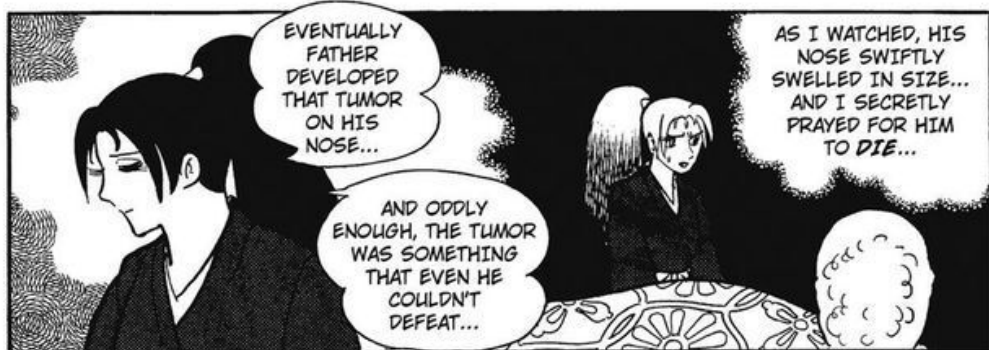
HE EVEN
SENT MY MOTHER
AWAY AS A WAR
HOSTAGE...

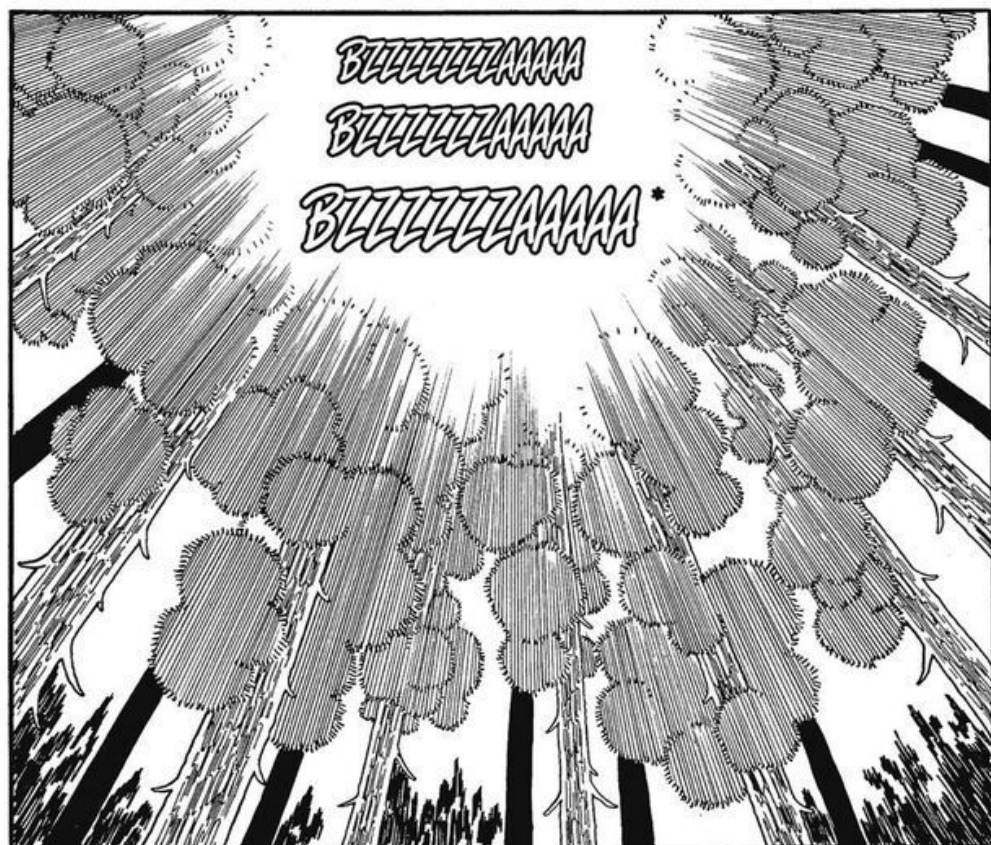
AND DIDN'T
BAT AN EYE
WHEN
SHE WAS
KILLED.

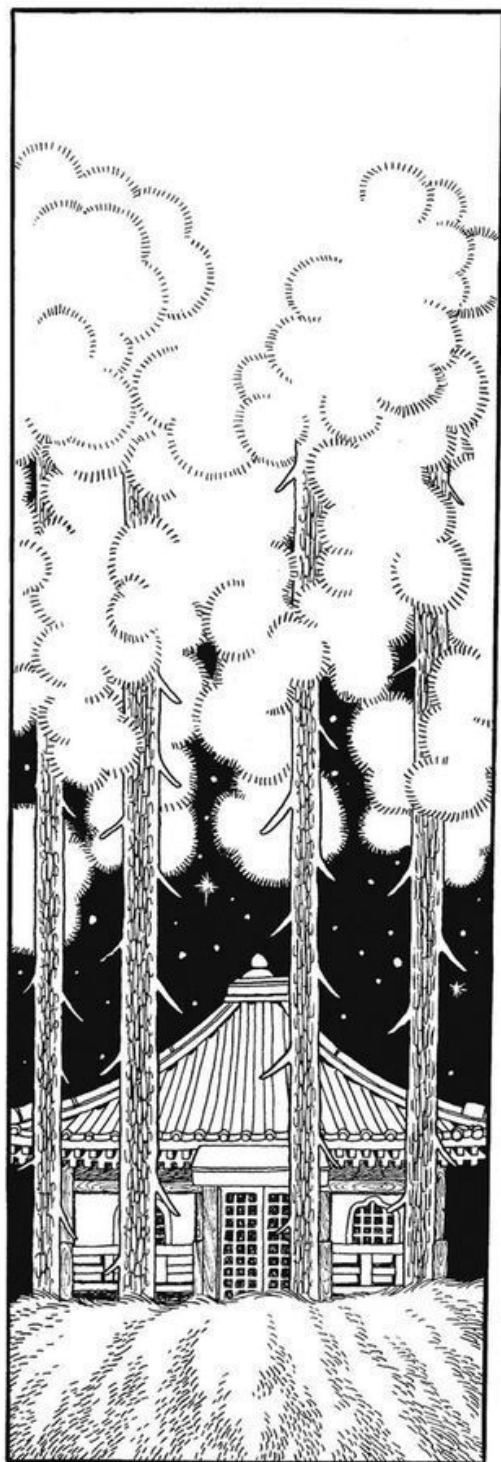
THE ONLY
THING MY
FATHER TRIED
TO FOSTER
IN ME WAS
HIS OWN
BLOODTHIRSTY
CHARACTER...



AND I KNEW
THAT EVENTUALLY
I WOULD BECOME
LIKE HIM, THAT I
WOULD BECOME
ANOTHER CRUEL
MONSTER...







I WONDER
WHAT'S
HAPPENED
TO FATHER?



I WISH
HE'D HURRY
UP AND DIE!
IF ONLY HE
WOULD JUST
DIE...THEN I'D
BE FREE TO BE
A **WOMAN**
AGAIN...



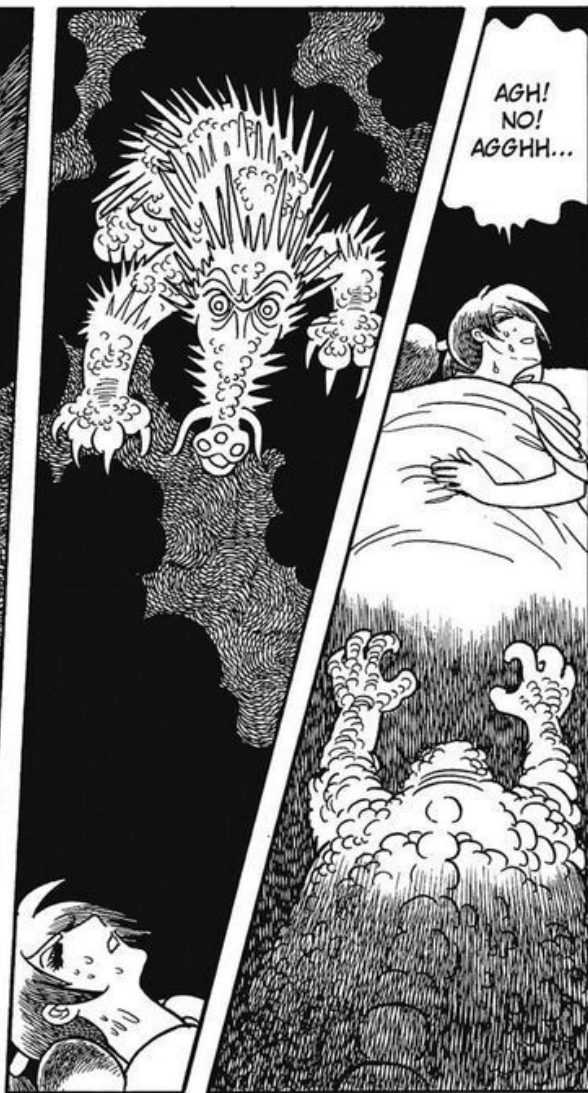
AT ANY
RATE, I
DON'T SEEM
TO BE ABLE
TO LEAVE
THIS
MOUNTAIN
ANYWAY...

...SO I HAVE
NO WAY OF
KNOWING
WHAT'S
HAPPENING
BACK AT HOME...



COME TO
THINK OF IT,
TIME SEEMS
TO PASS VERY
SLOWLY IN
THIS TEMPLE.

ONE DAY
FEELS
ALMOST
LIKE A
WHOLE
YEAR.



GIVE...
US...
BACK...
OUR...
LIVES...

AND...
OUR...
LEGS...

HELP...
US...
PLEASE...!

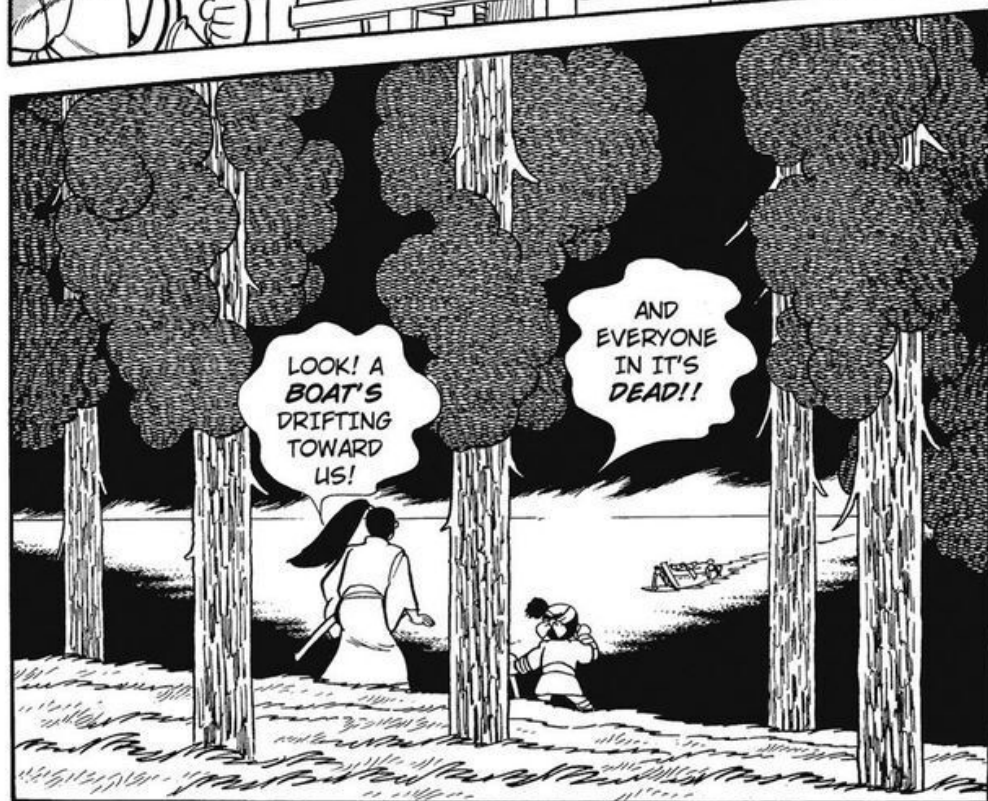
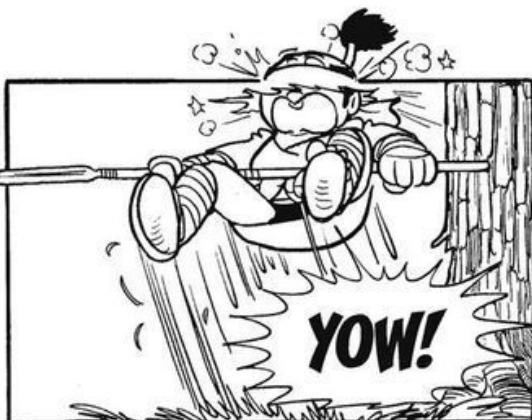


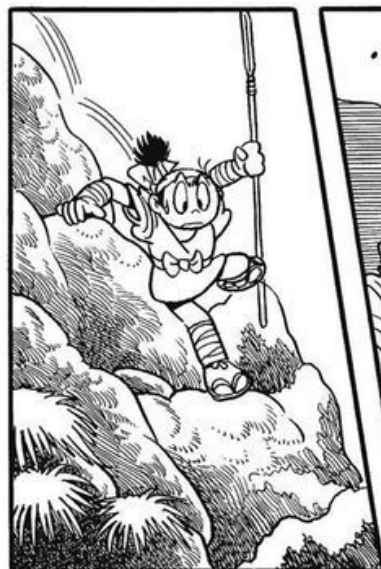
AGH...
GNNNGH...
NNNAAGHHH...



IT MUST
HAVE
BEEN ...A
DREAM...

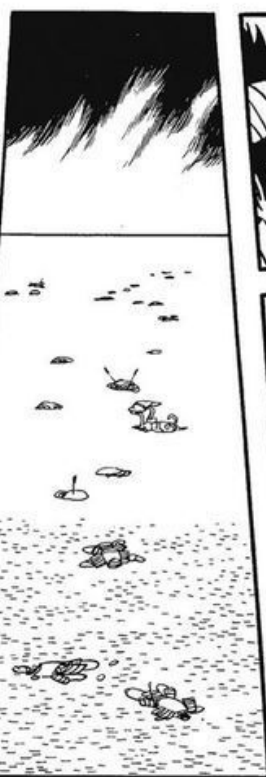








LOOK! MORE
OF THEM ARE
DRIFTING IN
OVER THERE!



OH MY
GOSH...I
WONDER
WHAT
HAPPENED
?!



'MUST'VE
BEEN A
BIG
BATTLE
SOME-
WHERE
...



WOW...

THE FAR
SHORE'S A SOLID
BAND OF FIRE,
FROM THE
FIGHTING...



IT MUST
HAVE BEEN
A **HUGE**
FIGHT.

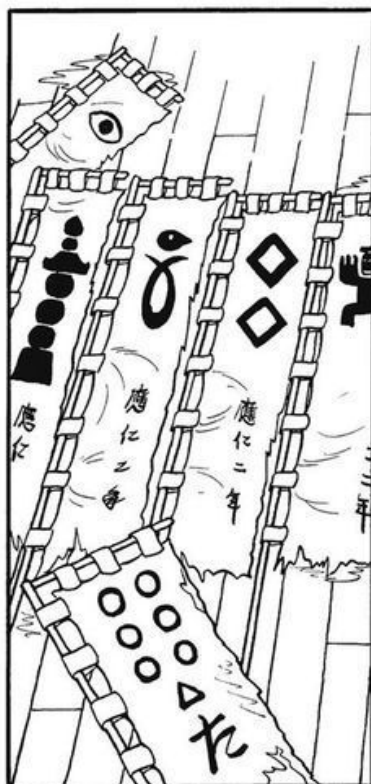


AND IT'S
IN THE
DIRECTION
OF MY
HOME...
I WONDER...
IF...



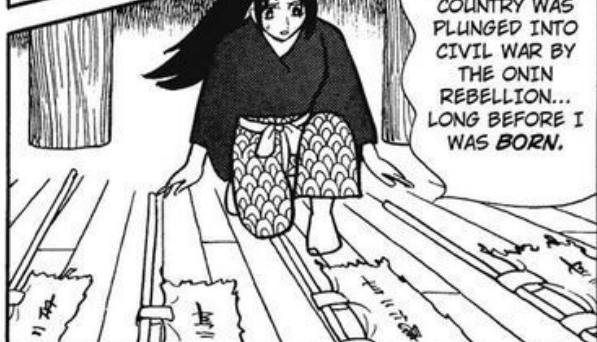
MASTER
SAKON
SUKU! LOOK
WHAT'S
WASHED
ASHORE
HERE!





SECOND
YEAR OF
ONIN...
ONIN...

THE
SECOND
YEAR?!



THAT WAS THE
YEAR AFTER THE
COUNTRY WAS
PLUNGED INTO
CIVIL WAR BY
THE ONIN
REBELLION...
LONG BEFORE I
WAS BORN.



THIS
IS TOO
STRANGE
TO BE
TRUE!

BUT IF IT IS...IT
MEANS THAT WITHOUT
MY KNOWING IT,
HISTORY'S BEEN
FLOWING
BACKWARD, INTO
THE PAST!!



WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

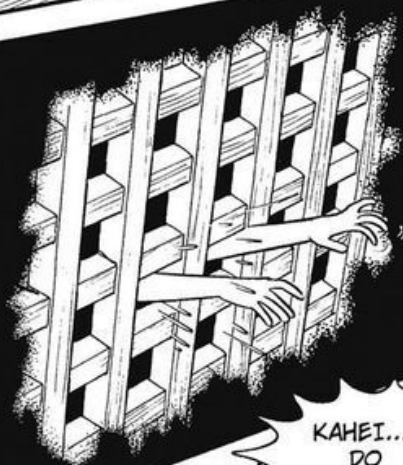
HOW CAN
TIME GO
BACKWARD?

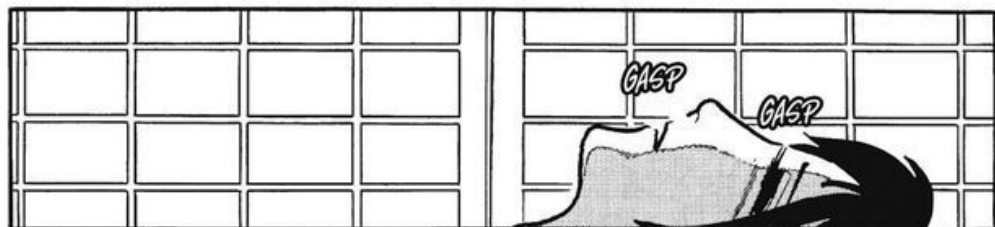
IT'S JUST LIKE
HAPPYAKU BIKUNI
SAID BEFORE
I KILLED HER!
IT'S EXACTLY
AS SHE SAID!



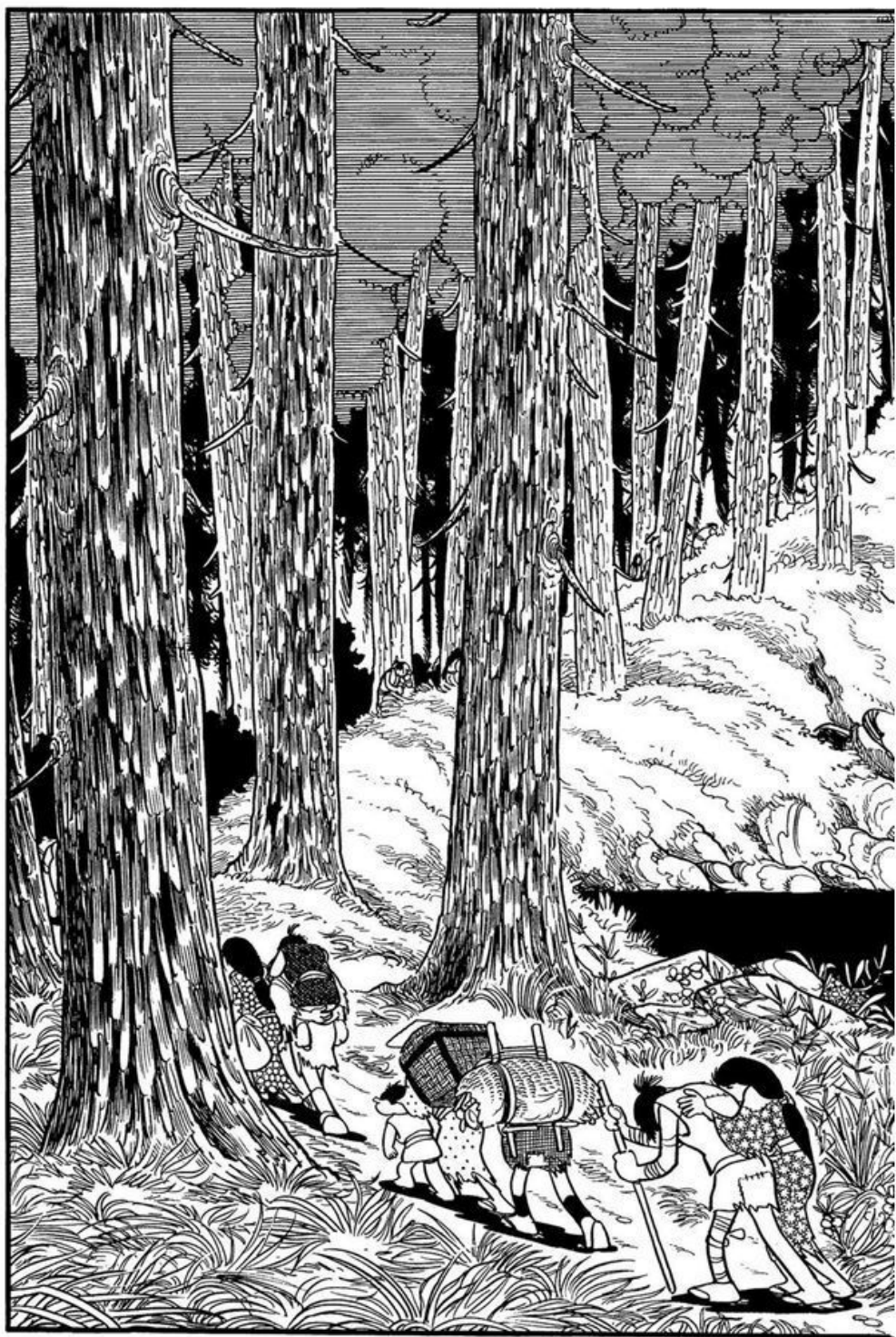
HELP ME !!

THIS IS
IMPOSSIBLE!
TIME CAN'T RUN
BACKWARDS! WE MUST
BE **CURSED!**



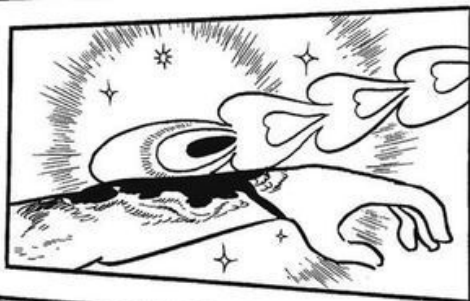
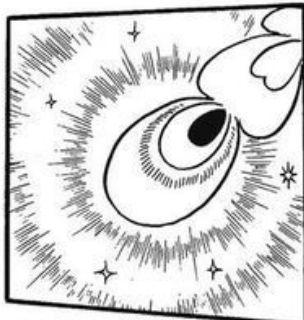
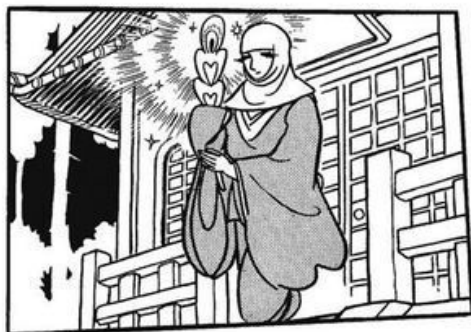


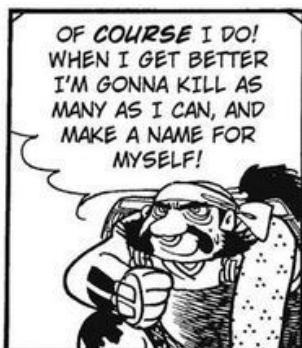






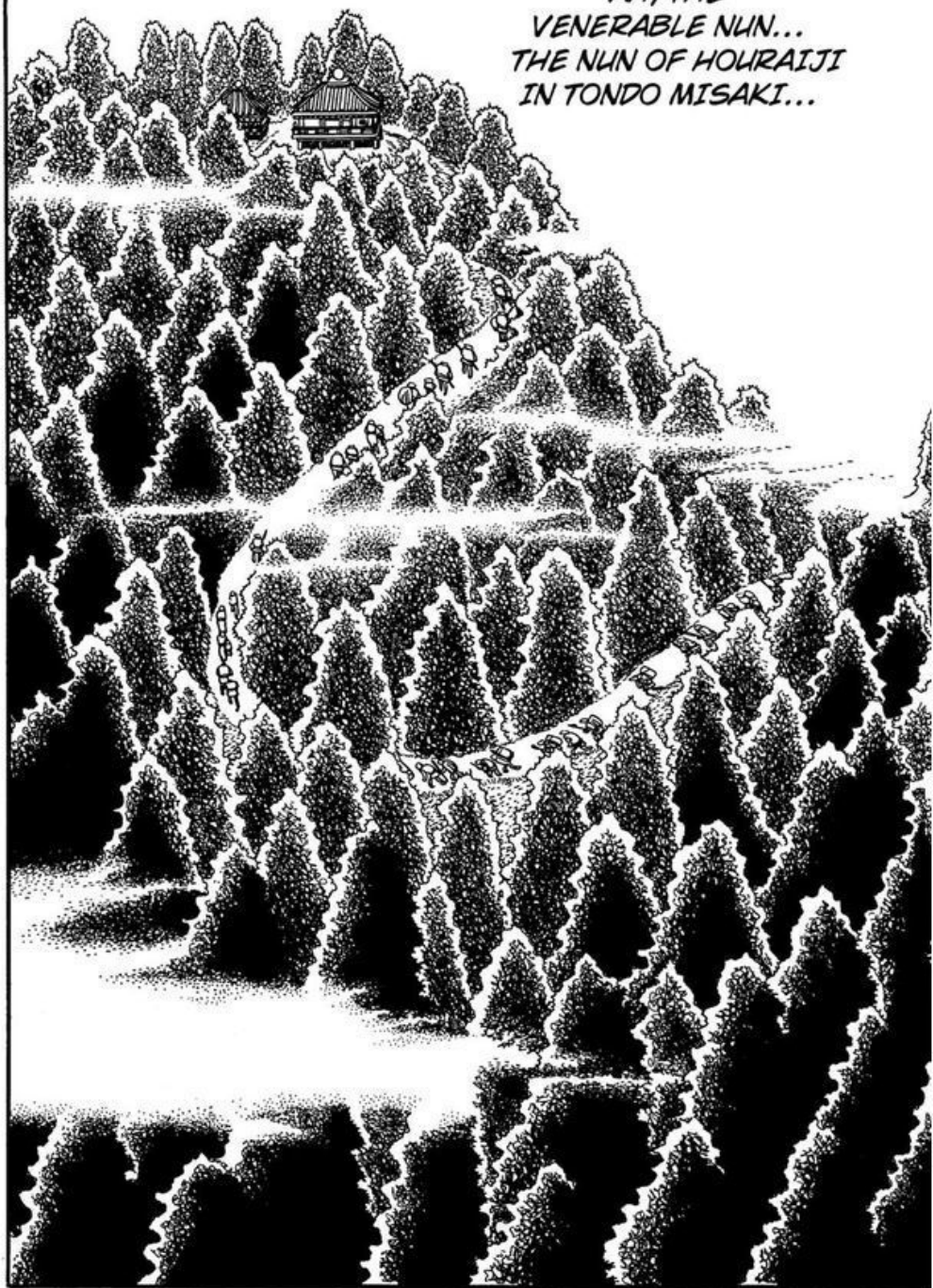






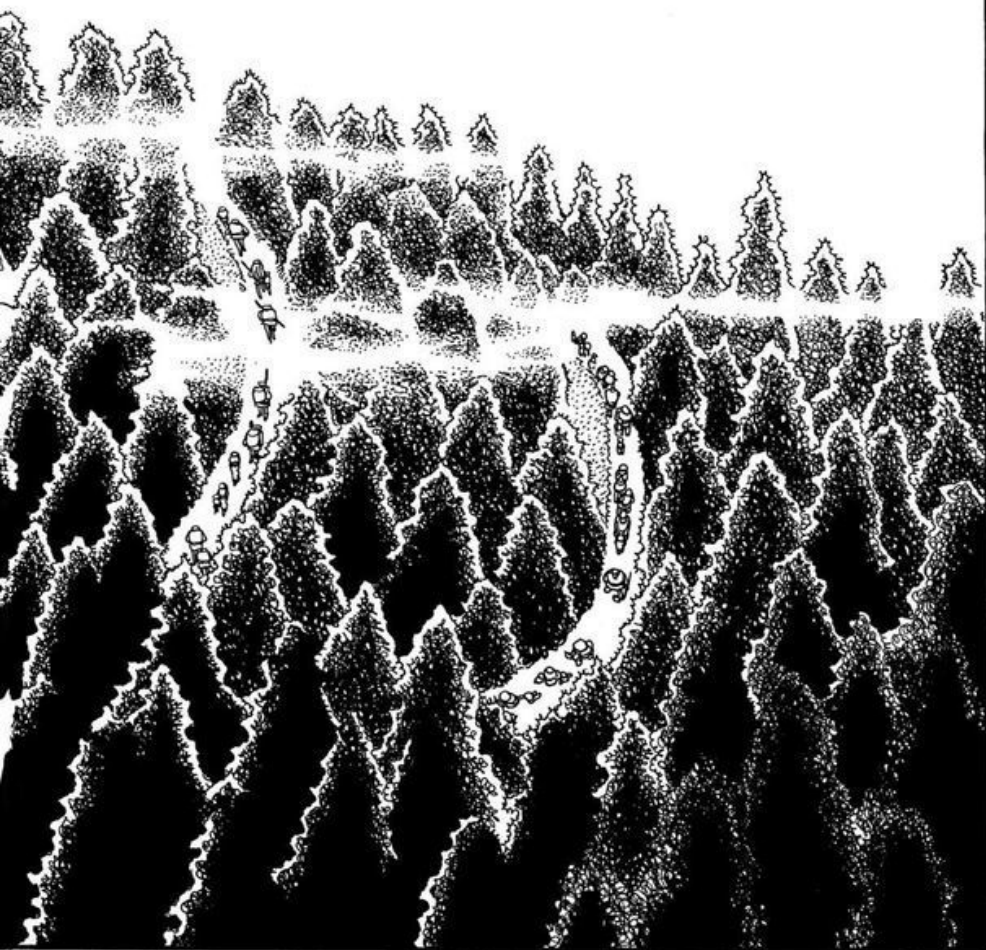


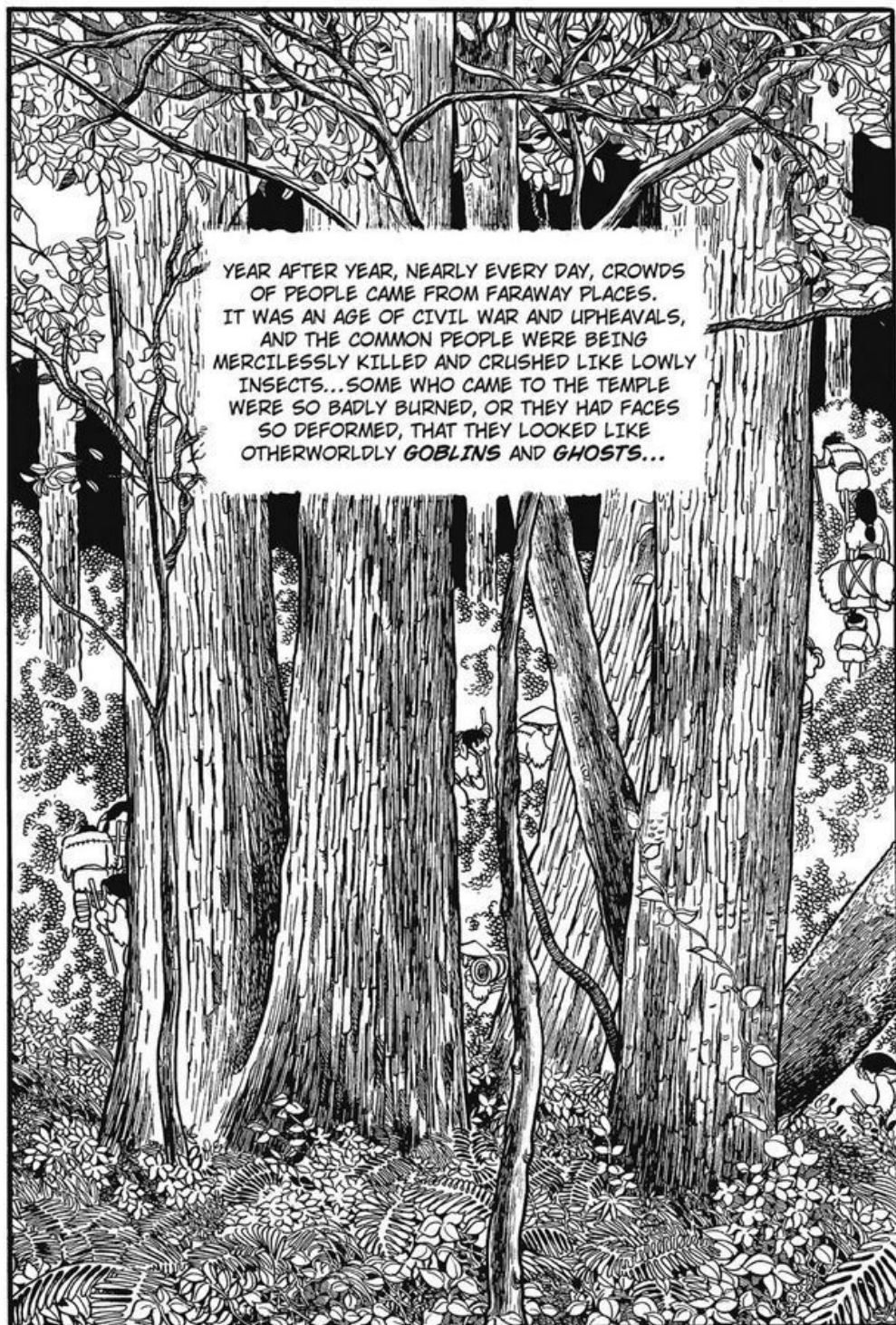
AH, THE
VENERABLE NUN...
THE NUN OF HOURAIJI
IN TONDO MISAKI...



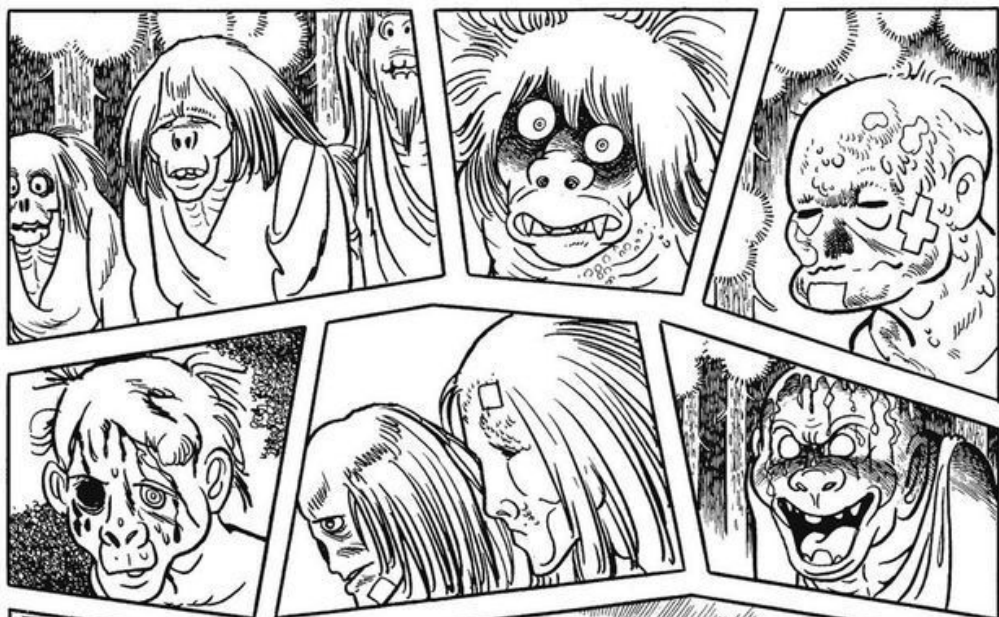
OUR BELOVED NUN
HATES WAR...
PROTECTS THE
COMMON PEOPLE...
HEALS WOUNDS
FROM FIRE AND
SWORD...

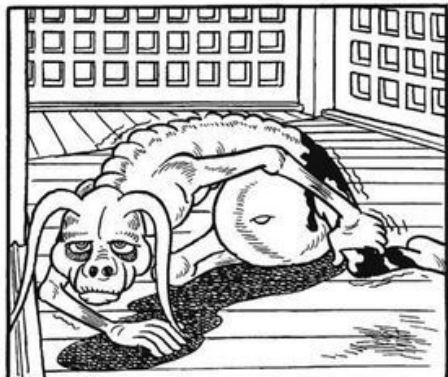
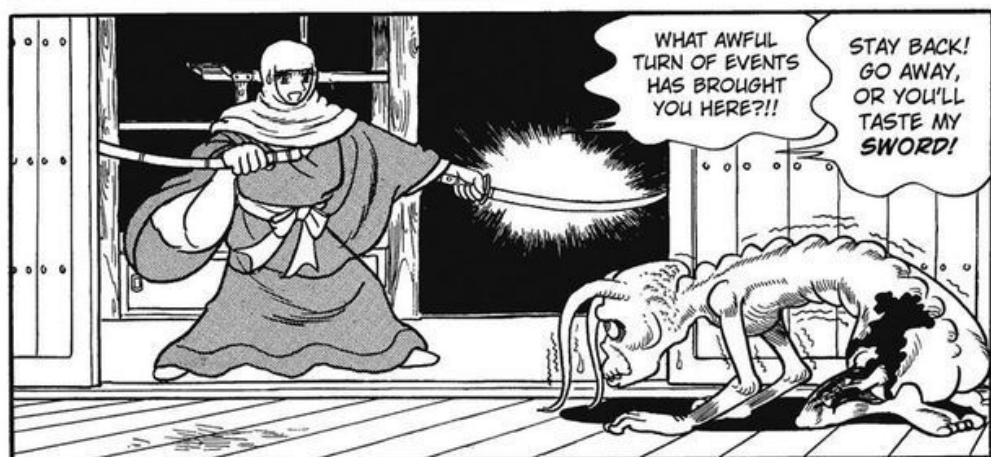
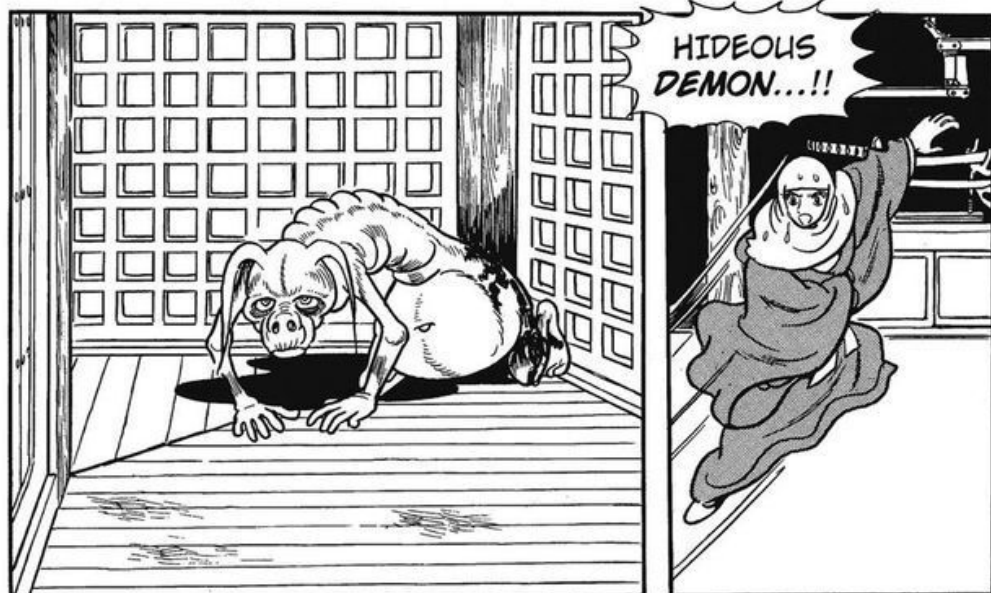
IF IT'S PROOF
YOU WANT...
ASK ANY MAN...
ASK ANY WOMAN...



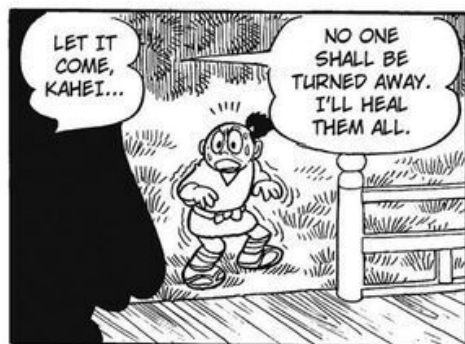


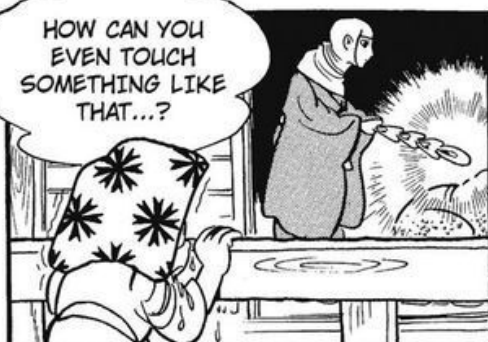
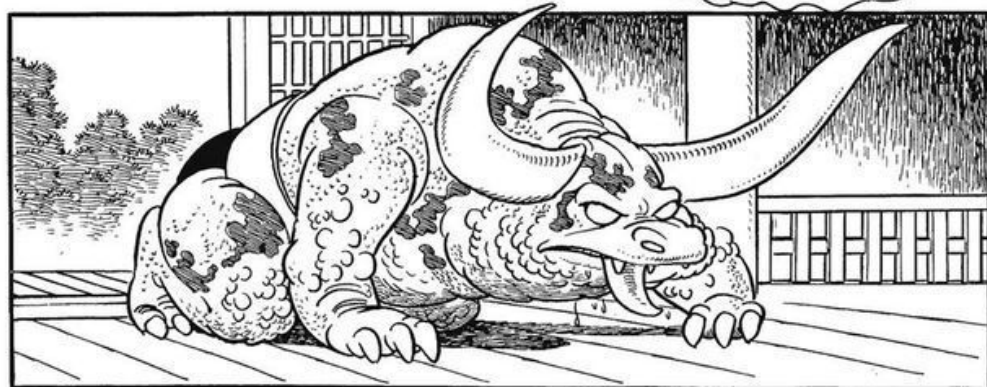
YEAR AFTER YEAR, NEARLY EVERY DAY, CROWDS
OF PEOPLE CAME FROM FARAWAY PLACES.
IT WAS AN AGE OF CIVIL WAR AND UPHEAVALS,
AND THE COMMON PEOPLE WERE BEING
MERCILESSLY KILLED AND CRUSHED LIKE LOWLY
INSECTS...SOME WHO CAME TO THE TEMPLE
WERE SO BADLY BURNED, OR THEY HAD FACES
SO DEFORMED, THAT THEY LOOKED LIKE
OTHERWORLDLY *GOBLINS* AND *GHOSTS*...

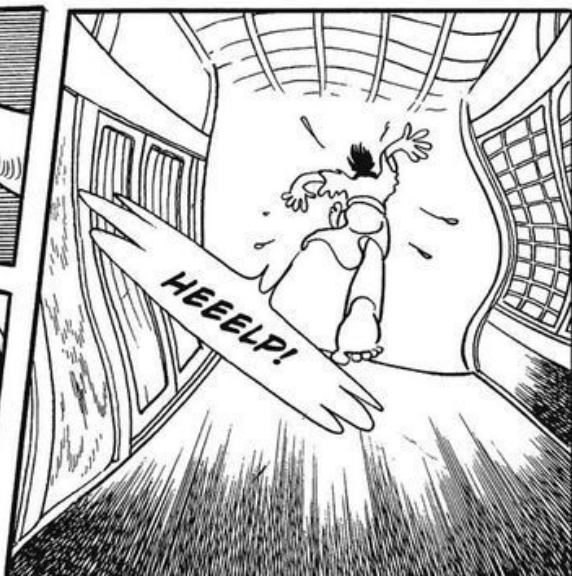
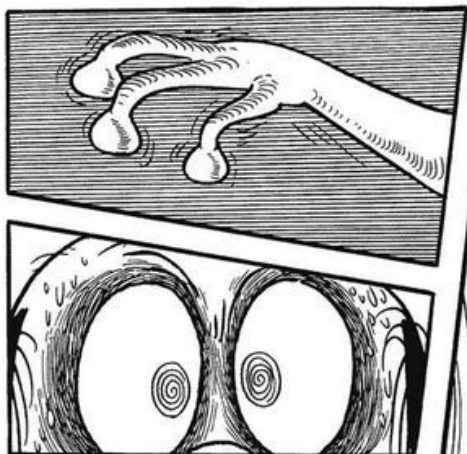
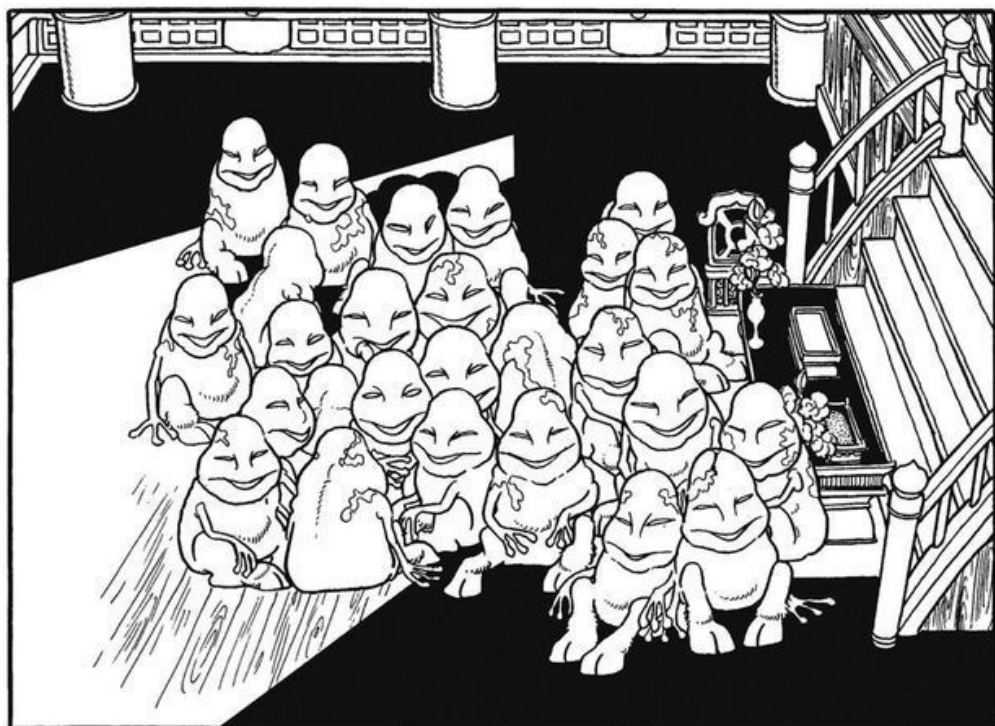


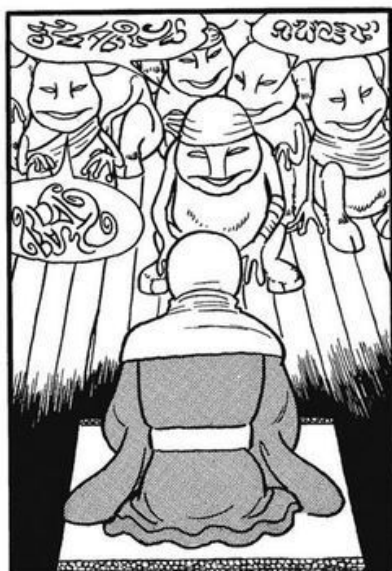












O
DAINICHI
NYORAI, O
MAHAVAIR
OCANA! O
FUGEN, O
SAMANTAB-
HADRA!



NO, YOU'RE JUST
TOO FEAR-LESS,
MASTER,
THAT'S ALL...



HUMANS
AREN'T THE
ONLY ONES
SUFFERING
NOW... ALL THE
SPIRITS OF
HEAVEN AND
EARTH ARE
SUFFERING,
TOO.



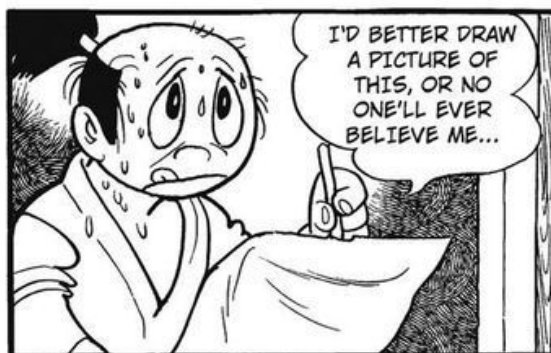
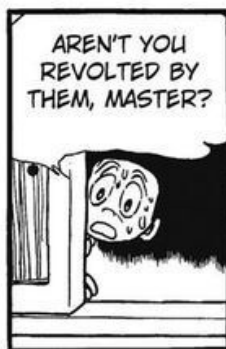
KAHEI,
THEY'LL BE
BRINGING
THEIR
FRIENDS
HERE, SO THIS
IS NOT A TIME
TO BE AFRAID.

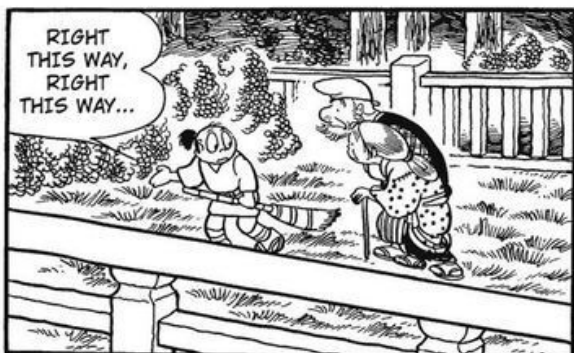
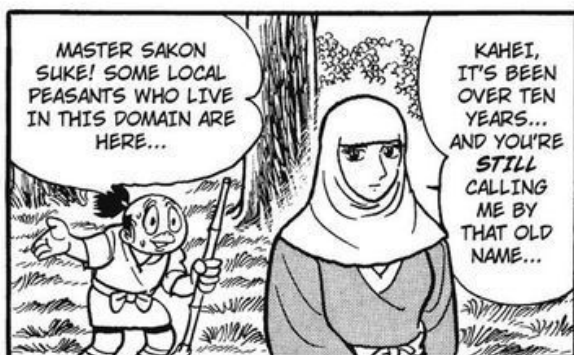
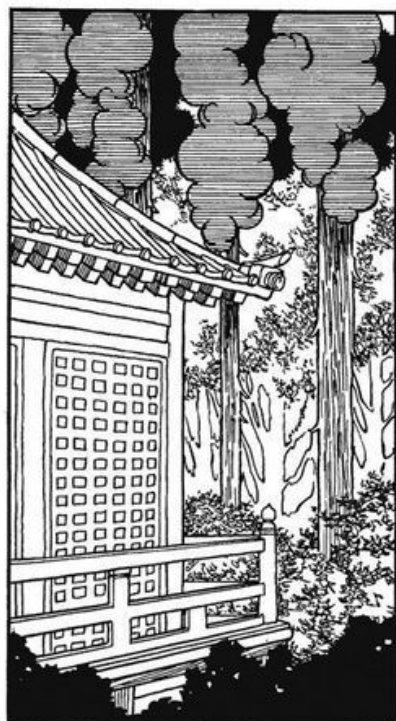
EGADS
!!



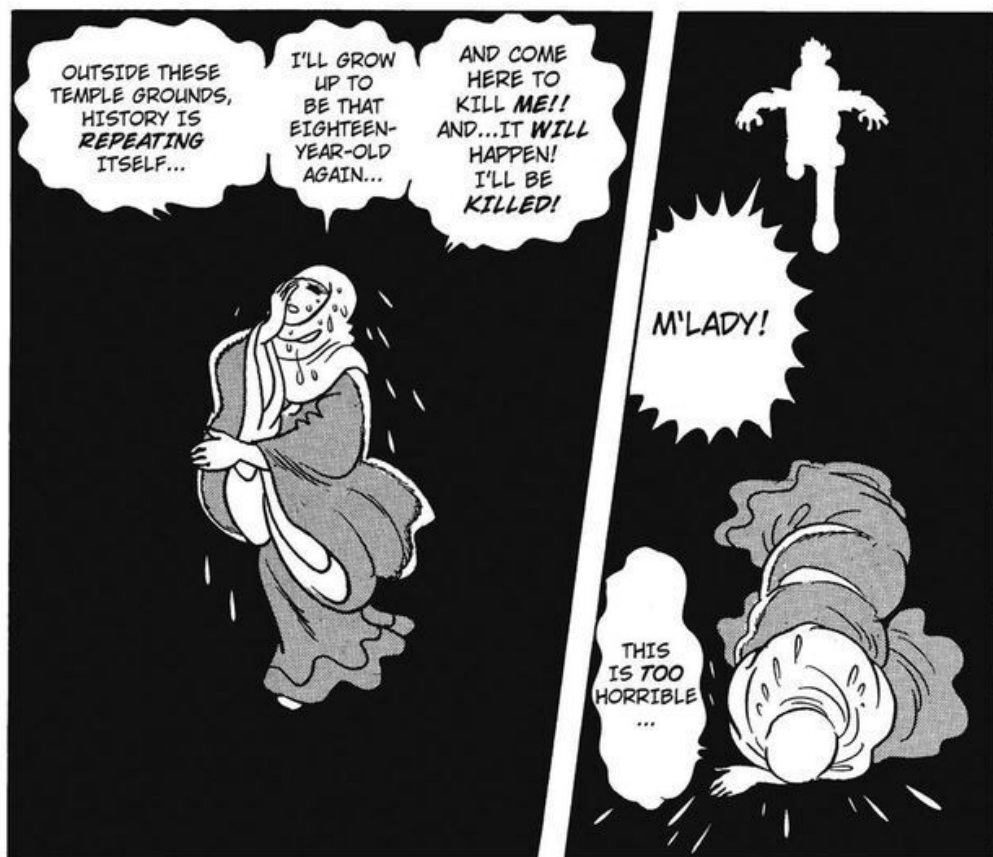
THEY'VE
ALREADY
STARTED TO
ARRIVE...





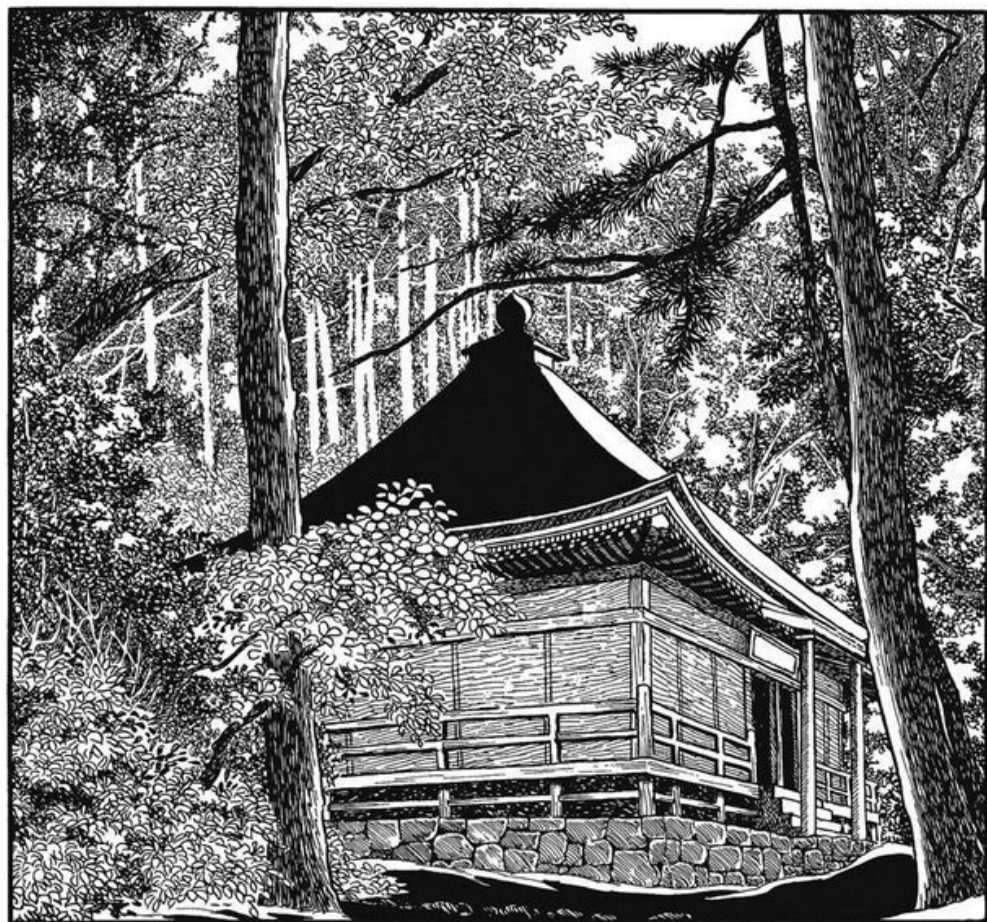
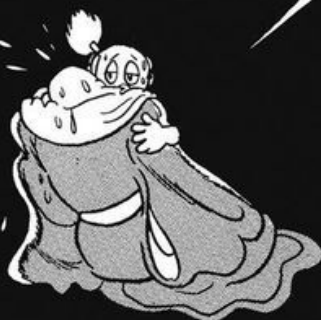


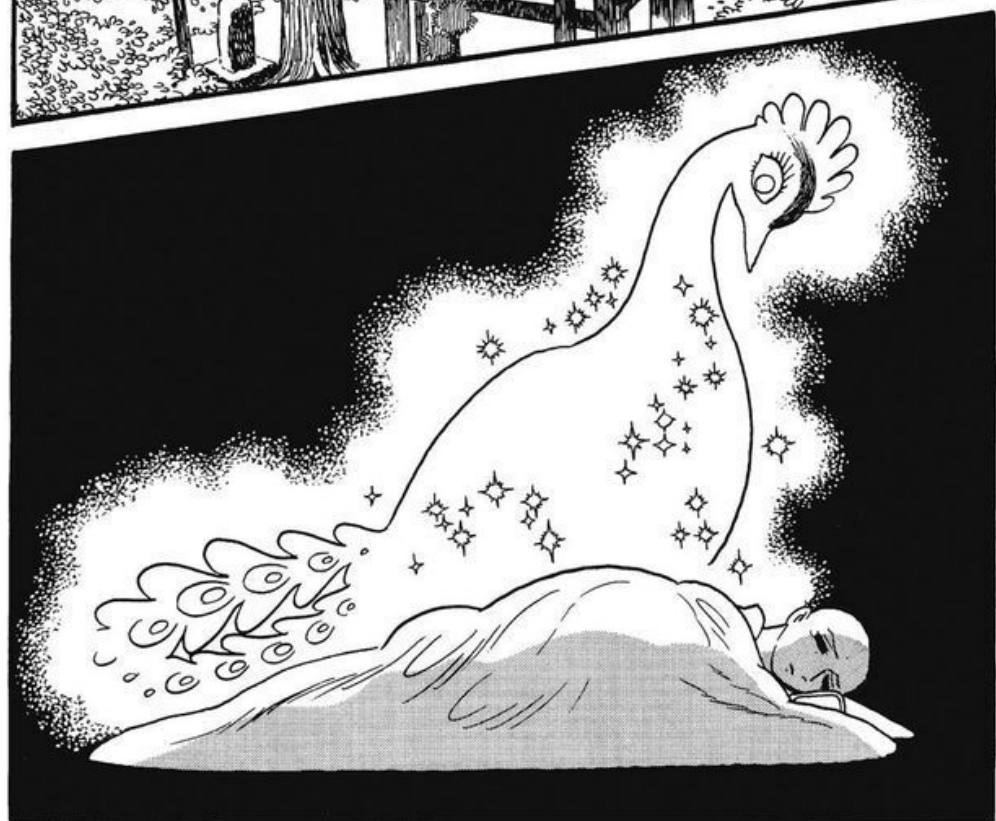
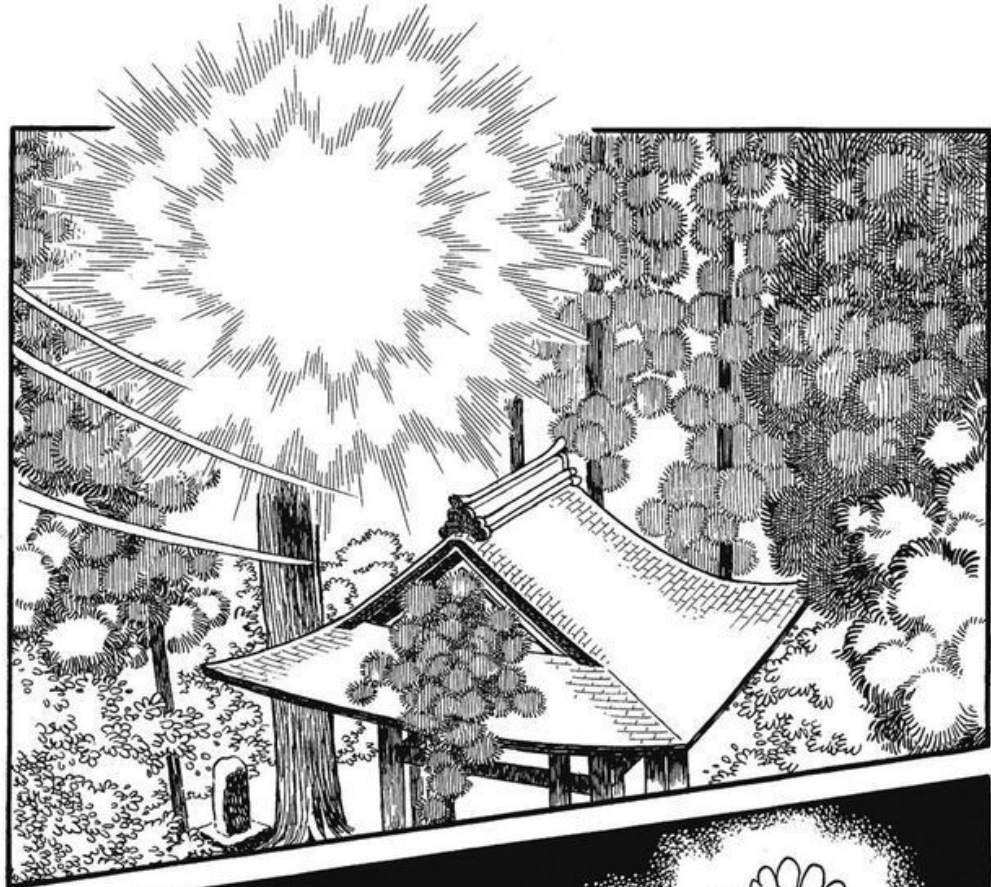


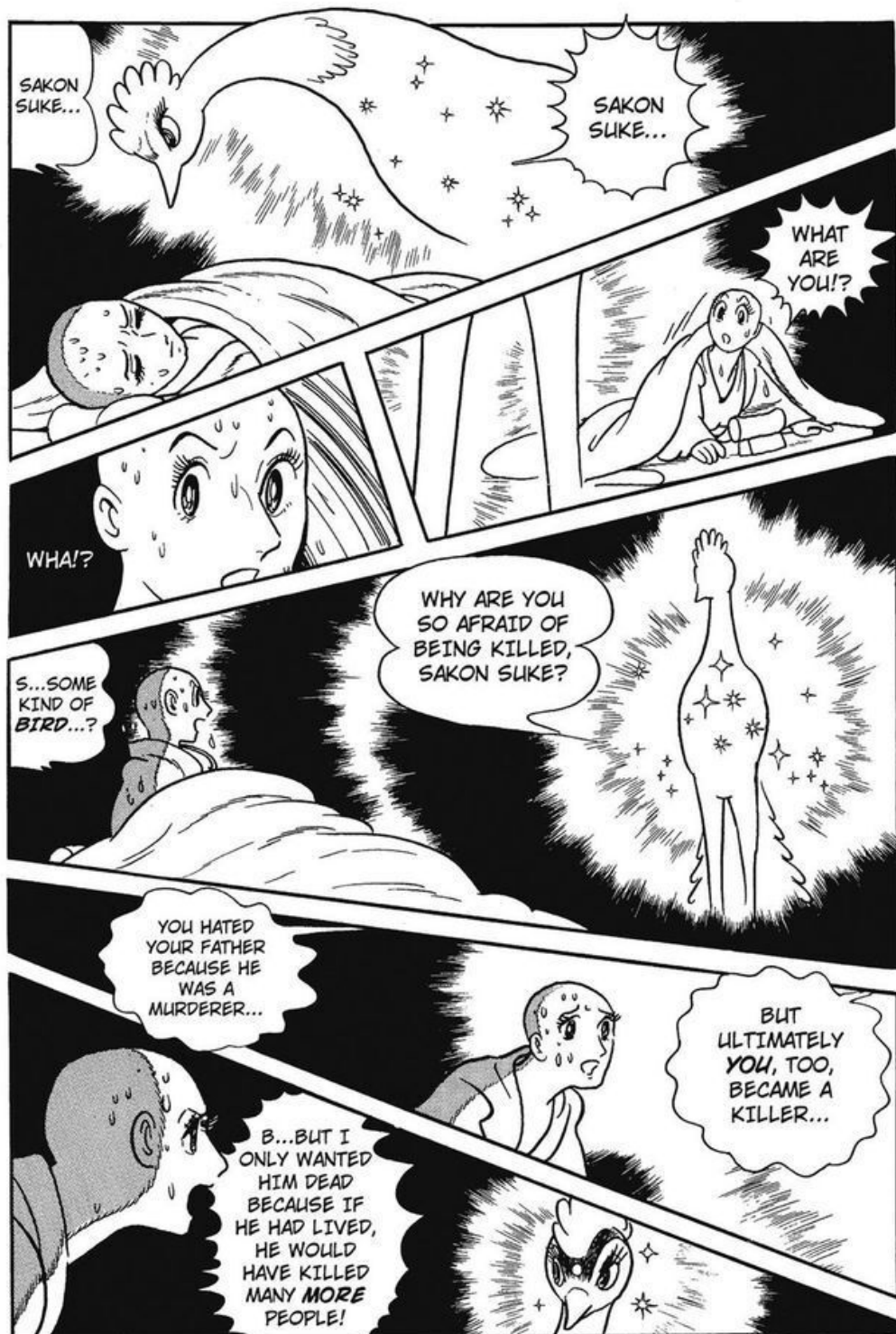


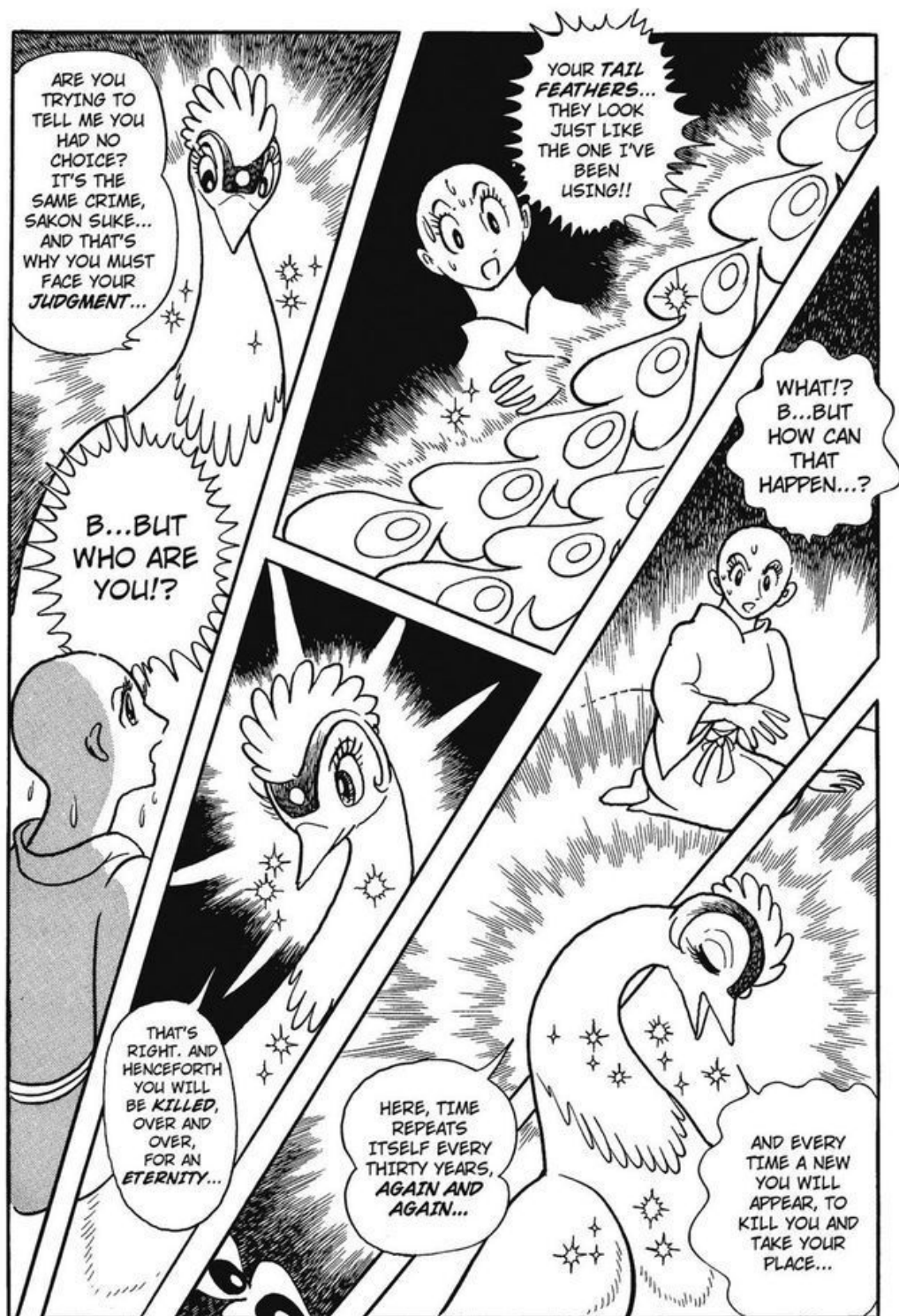
THE PERSON I'LL CUT
DOWN WILL BE **ME!**
THE HEAD I'LL CUT
OFF WILL BE **MY**
OWN! AND THAT DAY
IS COMING CLOSER
AND **CLOSER!!**

OH,
KAHEI!!
HELP
ME!!









ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME YOU HAD NO CHOICE? IT'S THE SAME CRIME, SAKON SUKE... AND THAT'S WHY YOU MUST FACE YOUR JUDGMENT...

YOUR TAIL FEATHERS... THEY LOOK JUST LIKE THE ONE I'VE BEEN USING!!

WHAT!? B...BUT HOW CAN THAT HAPPEN...?

B...BUT WHO ARE YOU!?

THAT'S RIGHT. AND HENCEFORTH YOU WILL BE KILLED, OVER AND OVER, FOR AN ETERNITY...

HERE, TIME REPEATS ITSELF EVERY THIRTY YEARS, AGAIN AND AGAIN...

AND EVERY TIME A NEW YOU WILL APPEAR, TO KILL YOU AND TAKE YOUR PLACE...

<SOB>...
WHAT A
MISERABLE
FATE...

WHEN CAN I BE
FORGIVEN...?
ISN'T THERE
ANYTHING
I CAN POSSIBLY
DO...?

YOU MUST CONTINUE
YOUR WORK,
FOREVER...
YOU MUST TRY TO
SAVE AS MANY POOR,
REPPRESSED PEOPLE
AS YOU CAN,
FOREVER...

FOR AN
ETERNITY
...?

YES. YOU NOW EXIST IN A
SPACE THAT TRANSCENDS
TIME. BEINGS WILL
ENDLESSLY COME HERE FOR
YOUR HELP, AND THEY MAY
NOT BE OF THIS WORLD...

YOU MEAN
THEY MIGHT
NOT BE
HUMAN?

THAT'S RIGHT.
THERE ARE MANY
WORLDS, IN
ADDITION TO THE
ONE YOU KNOW...



ON EARTH, YOU MAY CALL
THESE BEINGS **DEMONS**
OR **MONSTERS**, **GOBLINS**
OR **EVIL SPIRITS**,
EVEN **HUNGRY GHOSTS...**
BUT THEY ALL HAVE FULL
LIVES ON OTHER WORLDS, AND
COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF THEM
ALSO FACE TERRIBLE
PERSECUTION...



IF YOU'RE
TALKING ABOUT
DEMONS, SOME
HAVE ALREADY
COME HERE...

I
KNOW.

I **SENT**
THEM
HERE.

I WANTED TO
SEE HOW YOU
WOULD REACT
TO THEM.

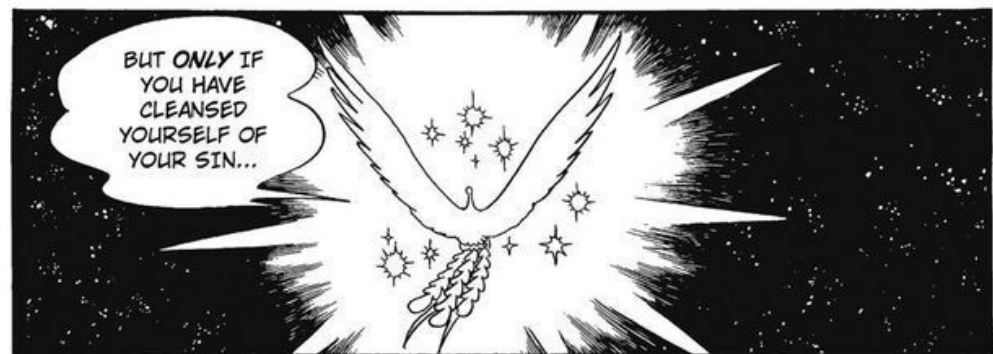


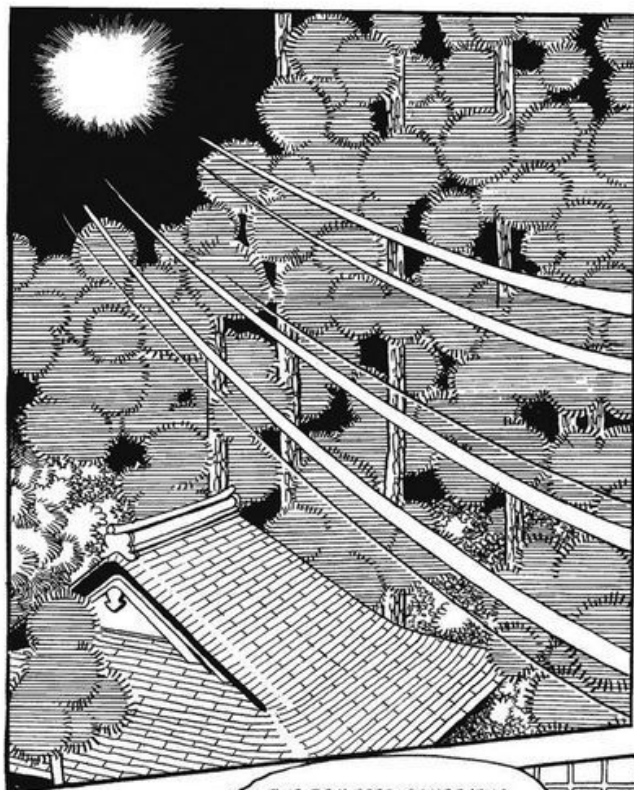
IT WASN'T
HARD FOR ME
TO TREAT
THEM. I FELT
SO SORRY
FOR THEM.
THEY WERE
SUFFERING
SO MUCH...



YOU
HAVE
DONE
WELL,
SAKON
SUKE...

YOU HAVE
PASSED YOUR
FIRST TEST...



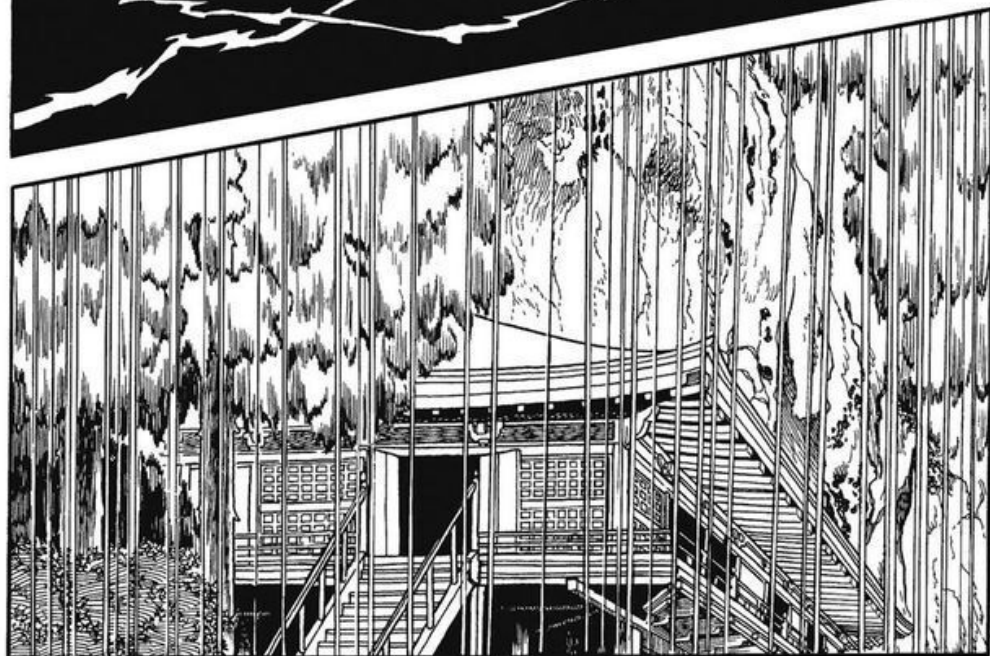




AFTER THAT, YEAR AFTER YEAR
PASSED...AND DAY AFTER DAY,
ALMOST WITHOUT STOPPING TO
REST, SAKON SUKE CONTINUED
TO TREAT HER SUFFERING
VISITORS. EVENTUALLY,
WITHOUT REALIZING IT,
SHE BEGAN TO FORGET HER
OWN SUFFERING AND PAIN,
TO DEVELOP A PURE AND
INNOCENT MIND, AS CLEAR AS
THE STARS IN THE HEAVENS...

THEN, ONE DAY...

KERRRAAAACCCKKK

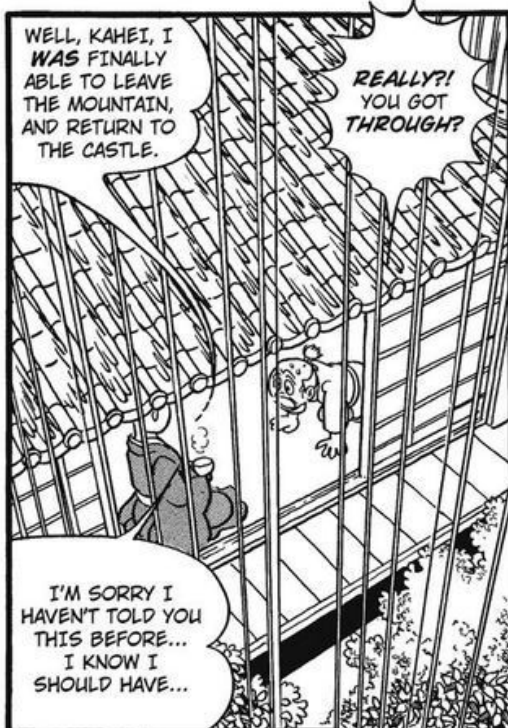








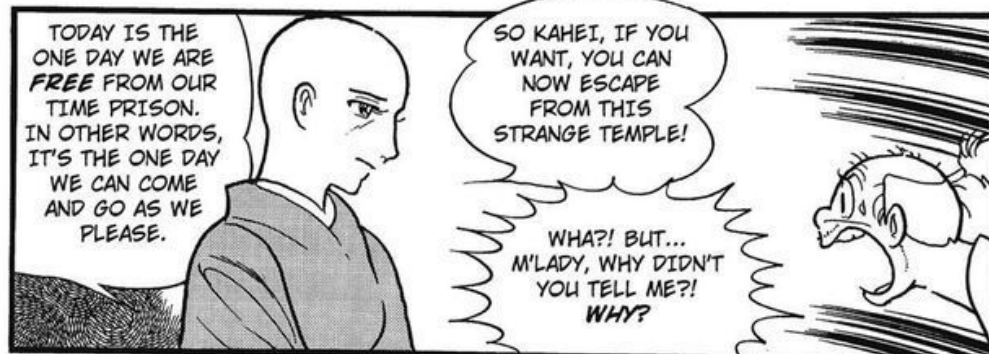
M'LADY!
THANK
GOD
YOU'VE
RETURNED!



WELL, KAHEI, I
WAS FINALLY
ABLE TO LEAVE
THE MOUNTAIN,
AND RETURN TO
THE CASTLE.

REALLY?!
YOU GOT
THROUGH?

I'M SORRY I
HAVEN'T TOLD YOU
THIS BEFORE...
I KNOW I
SHOULD HAVE...



TODAY IS THE
ONE DAY WE ARE
FREE FROM OUR
TIME PRISON.
IN OTHER WORDS,
IT'S THE ONE DAY
WE CAN COME
AND GO AS WE
PLEASE.

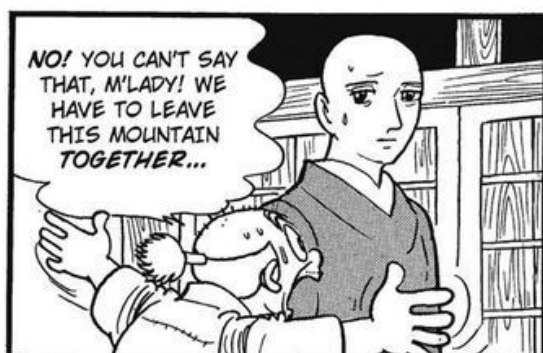
SO KAHEI, IF YOU
WANT, YOU CAN
NOW ESCAPE
FROM THIS
STRANGE TEMPLE!

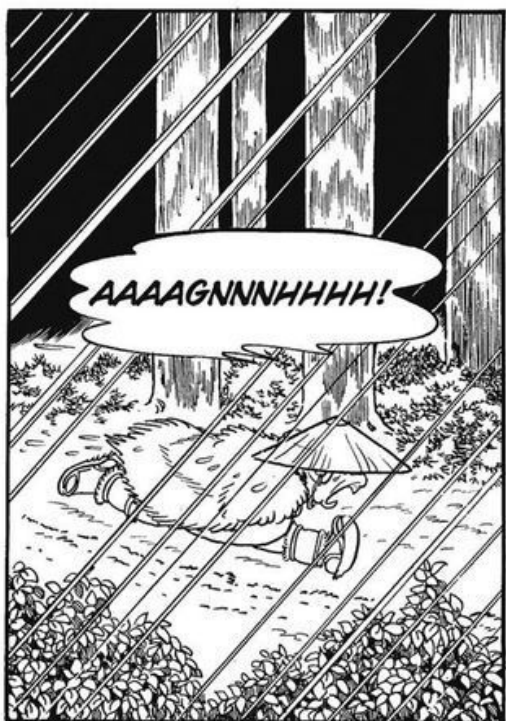
WHA?! BUT...
M'LADY, WHY DIDN'T
YOU TELL ME?!
WHY?

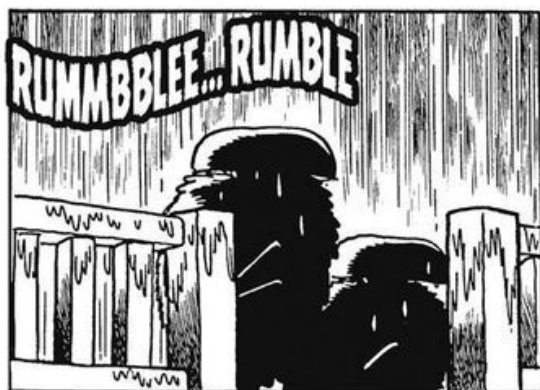


THIS ISN'T FAIR!
IF ONLY YOU'D
TOLD ME BEFORE,
I COULD'VE
PREPARED!
ANYWAY, LET'S GO!
LET'S LEAVE
TOGETHER, **NOW!**

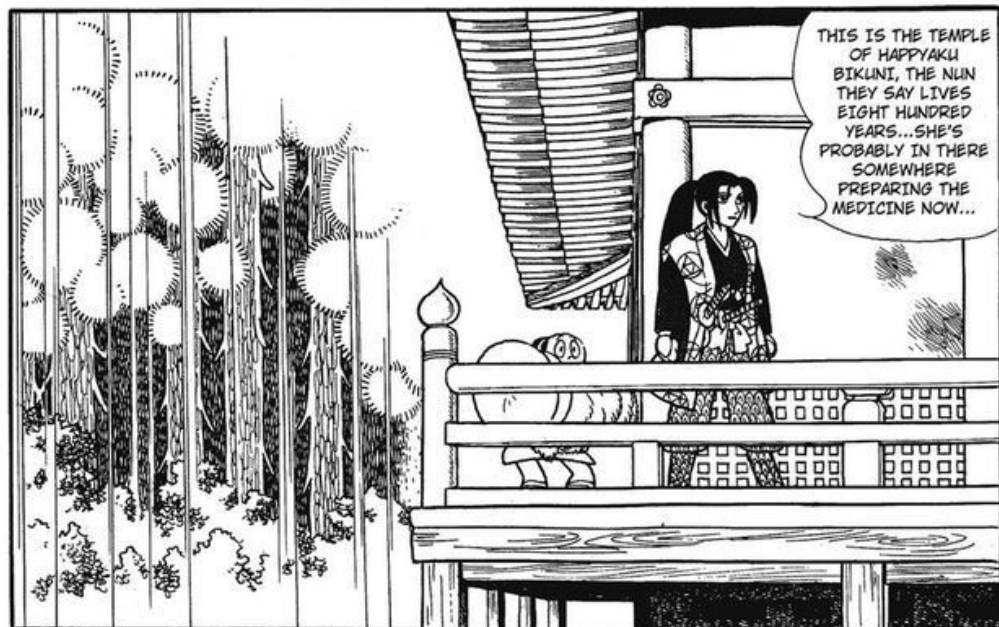
NO. I
CANNOT
LEAVE
JUST YET,
KAHEI.
I MADE A
PROMISE
TO THE
BIRD...



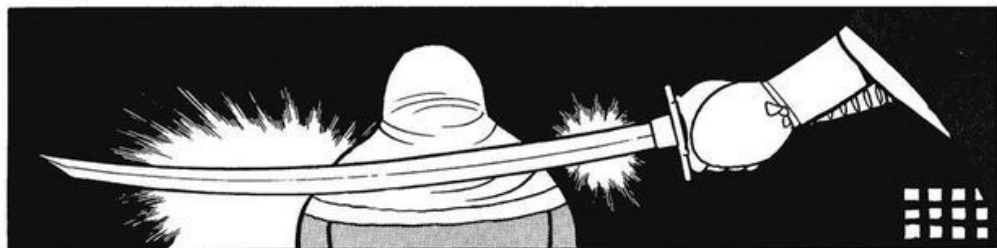




SIGN: HOURAIJI TEMPLE









ENOUGH
NONSENSE,
WOMAN!



TELL ME, SAKON
NO SUKE, YOU CAME
THROUGH A TERRIBLE
THUNDERSTORM ON
YOUR WAY TO THIS
TEMPLE, DID YOU
NOT?



AND ON THE WAY,
THOUGH HEAVEN AND
EARTH SEEMED
SHROUDED IN
DARKNESS, YOU NO
DOUBT SAW FLASHES
OF **LIGHTNING**, DID
YOU NOT?



THAT'S RIGHT, I
DID. THERE'S A
STORM RAGING
OUTSIDE RIGHT
NOW...!

SO
WHAT?

WELL, SAKON NO
SUIKE...LET ME TELL
YOU...THIS PLACE IS
CUT OFF FROM THE
REST OF THE WORLD...

TIME HERE...
IS DIFFERENT.
IT FLOWS
BACKWARD.



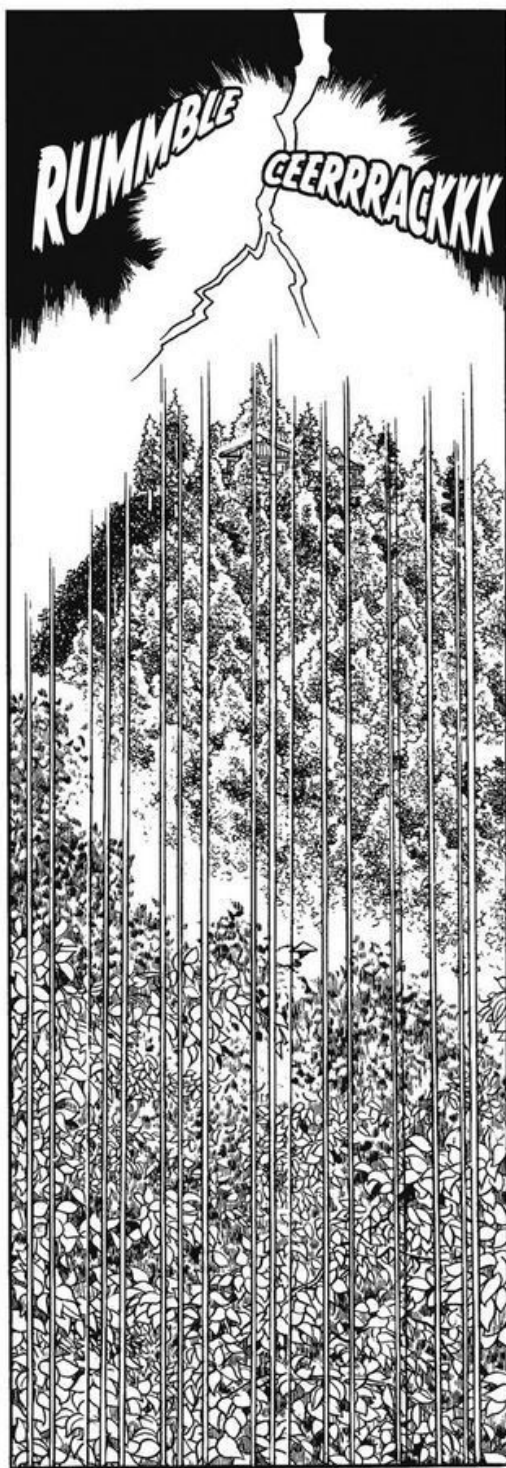
T...TIME
FLOWS
BACKWARD?

W...WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?



GO AHEAD
AND KILL
ME. AFTER
I'M DEAD,
YOU'LL
UNDER-
STAND...





KAHEI LATER APPRENTICED
HIMSELF TO *TOSA MITSUNOBU*,
AND TOOK THE NAME OF
TOSA MITSUYOSHI.
TOSA MITSUNOBU'S ILLUSTRATED
SCROLL, *HYAKKI YAKO*, OR
"NIGHT PARADE OF 100 DEMONS,"
EVENTUALLY BECAME
VERY FAMOUS.

IT IS SAID THAT
MITSUYOSHI,
OR KAHEI, SHOWED
HIS DRAWINGS OF
DEMONS TO HIS
TEACHER...

...AND THAT
THESE
DRAWINGS
THEN HELPED
TOSA
MITSUNOBU
CONCEIVE OF
HIS FAMOUS
PAINTINGS.

